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SYDNEY, FRIDAY, MAY 11, 1900.

Births.

ADAMS.—May 8, at Botany Bay Hotel, the wife of Augustus Agassiz, late of Gourindi, of twin daughters. All well.

Marriages.

JENNER—BLACK.—April 11, 1900, at the residence of the bride's mother, by the Rev. C. J. M'Coy, W. J. Jenner, M.B., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.E., &c., Leichhardt, eldest son of John H. Jenner, Muswellbrook, to Annie Ann, youngest daughter of the late Thomas Black, Gerringong, and Mrs. Black, Maybrook, Kiama, N.S.W.

Deaths.

CLYDE.—May 6, at 70 Old Parramatta-road, Forest Lodge, Isabella Clyde, widow of the late Isaac Clyde, in her 77th year.

DICKSON.—May 9, at Carr-street, Drummoyne, John Dickson, aged 65. By request, no flowers.

HANSEL.—May 9, at Wentworthville, and Nicholson-street, Burwood, Roderick Charles, dearly beloved infant son of Emil and Nina Hansel, after a brief illness, aged 8 months.

LODER.—May 10, 1900, at 493 Crown-street, Surry Hills, James Loder, beloved husband of Elizabeth Loder, aged 59 years. J.P.

MAXWELL.—May 10, 1900, at her parents residence, No. 18 Restlatt-street, Annandale, Jane Ann, beloved eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Maxwell. Requiescat in pace.

SCOTT.—May 6, at the Rectory, Bungendore, the Rev. Julius Scott, son of the Rev. W. Scott, M.A., aged 66.

In Memoriam.

FITZPATRICK.—In fond and loving memory of my dear husband Michael Joseph Fitzpatrick, who died on the 10th May, 1898. Inserted by his loving wife, Fanny Fitzpatrick.

FITZPATRICK.—In loving remembrance of our dear son and brother, Michael Joseph Fitzpatrick, who departed this life May 10th, 1898. May his soul rest in peace.

FITZPATRICK.—In sorrowful and loving memory of our dearly loved brother, Michael Joseph Fitzpatrick, who died May 11, 1898. Requiescat in pace.

FUNNELL.—In loving remembrance of our dear daughter, Lilie, who died at Upper Bankstown, May 11, 1898. Her loved parents, James and Minnie Funnell, Public school, Bankstown.

GREEN.—In loving memory of our dearly beloved daughter, Maude Amelia, who died at Perth May 10, 1898. Inserted by her loving parents, F. W. and C. Green. Late of Melbourne.

It is two years ago to day,
And we remember well
When that awful hour had come
And we could not say farewell.

REPPONDE.—In sacred and loving remembrance of our beloved son, Robert T. Pratt (Bertie), who fell asleep on Ascension Day, 11th May, 1899. Ever mourned. Inserted by his mother, K. E. Hepworth.

LOCKMAN.—In loving remembrance of my dear mother, Catherine Lockman, who departed this life May 11, 1899.

Mother dear, I miss you:
No one to guide me now.
Gone to our saviour Jesu:
To His sweet will I bow.

Buried by her loving daughter, Frances.

SCARPERY.—In sad but loving memory of our dear son, William J., who departed this life May 11, 1899. Sweet Jesus have mercy on his soul. Amen. Inserted by his loving mother and nephew, Katie, Mary, and Willie Tarry.

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Your equal in this world we shall never find.

SLADESHAW.—In loving memory of our beloved husband and father, John Gillespie-shaw, who departed this life May 11, 1899. Peace, perfect peace. Inserted by his loving wife and family.

SMITH.—In sad and loving remembrance of Mary Philips, who departed this life May 11th, 1894, aged 53 years. Inserted by her loving son, W. Philips, G.P.O.

STONE.—In loving memory of my dear friend, Mrs. Eliza Stone, who departed this life May 11, 1897. Inserted by her loving friend, Mrs. E. Matthews.

You are not forgotten, friend, dear,
Nor shall you ever be,
As long as life and memory last
I will remember thee.

STRETTON.—In sad but loving memory of my dear son, George Herbert, who died at Rebuca, Victoria, on May 11, 1899.

A precious one of us is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.

Inserted by his loving mother, sisters, and brothers.

WILSON.—A loving tribute to the memory of our darling mother, Louisa Olive Wilson, who fell asleep in Prince Alfred Hospital, May 11, 1898. Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, E. H. and M. Hubbard.

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MELBOURNE, Albion P., Robertson.—S.S. Peterborough leaves Bunkle's Wf., Pyrm., To-day, 5. Aubin.
ADELAIDE, Kentall, Camden Haven.—S.S. KINCUMBER, SAT., 2. See to-morrow's Herald.

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OROYA		H. Fletcher	June 9	June 11	June 14
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20 stanch Horses, in hard-feed condition; 2 Yankee Omnibuses (with staircase), Harness, and Line of Road, Bondi to Circular Quay.

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16 young Horses, in good condition, stanch workers; 5 staircase Omnibuses (licensed), Harness, Sundries, and Line of Road, Foveaux-street, Surry Hills, to Circular Quay.

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WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. P. SYMES to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
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Bay Gelding, strongly built, thoroughly broken, reliable, winner of two prizes; would suit sociable or cab.

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WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. A. ROSS to sell by auction, at their BAZAAR, THIS DAY, at 11.30 A.M.,
Chestnut Mare, thoroughly quiet in sad. or har., is a good mover, used to trams; superior 3-spring Sulky and Harness.

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Reliable Hackney, used to stock work; Gent.'s Sad. and Bridle, and Set of Harness.

UPSTANDING BROWN GELDING, 16 HDS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. A. NEWTON to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 A.M.,
Brown Gelding, black points, about 16 hands, thoroughly broken, suitable for cab or sociable work.

RACING PONY, CUPID, 14 HANDS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. ARTHUR SMITH, PENNANT HILLS to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
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Bay Gelding, a splendid harness horse, perfectly quiet and reliable, with good paces.

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The Right to Entrance Gates and Leger Reserve at above Meeting, to be held at Randwick on SATURDAY, 19th instant.

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comprising
Clocks, Electroplate, Rings, Earrings, Sovereign Purses, Tobacco Pouches, Watch Chains, Bracelets, Cruets, Souvenir Medals, and Fancy Goods
1 Automatic Slot Machine, 1 Electrical Engraving Machine, 3 Counter Show Cases, 1 Counter, and 1 Case Emery Sharpening Stones,
&c., &c.
Also,
FOR ABSOLUTE UNRESERVED SALE.
10 CASES
JAPANESE FANCY GOODS,
comprising
Tea Caddies, Toilet Boxes, Letter Racks, Tea Sets, Glove Boxes, Water Jugs, Ash Trays, Soap Boxes, Pin Trays, Teapots, Cigar Cases, Inkstands, Silk Screens, Lacquered Trays, Photo. Frames, Cups and Saucers, Jugs, Handkerchief Boxes, &c., &c.
Also,
On account of whom it may concern,
with all faults, if any,
14 PIECES of SILK, 445 YARDS.
And
Ex S.S. Ortona, from London,
10 Boxes FANCY STEEL SLIDES
1 Case MEN'S FELT HATS.
HENRY HARRIS AND COMPANY,
AUCTIONEERS and VALUATORS,
190 PITT-STREET.

MOORE PARK.
TO LADIES AND GENTLEMEN FURNISHING.
IMPORTANT and TOTALLY UNRESERVED SALE
by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
on
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, May 11th,
at 11 o'clock,
at
46 FLINDERS-STREET,
under instructions from Mrs. RUSSELL, who is leaving by R.M.S. ORTONA, FOR EUROPE.
The whole of her VALUABLE FURNITURE and EFFECTS, PIANO, ORGAN, and VERY RARE PICTURES, PHONOGRAPH, &c., &c.
The Furniture is of the most substantial character, and comprises
A MAGNIFICENT SOLID CARVED WALNUT DINING-ROOM SUITE, upholstered in the finest quality skins, and is in a fine state of preservation.
SOLID WALNUT EXTENSION DINING TABLE 8 x 4.
BOOKCASE, WITH 60 VALUABLE BOOKS.
5ft. SIDEBOARD, arranged with plate drawers, cupboards, the back part on being fitted with bevelled plateglass shelves, nicely carved.
WALNUT AMERICAN ORGAN, by Wilcox and White, 12 stops and 2 knee swells, in fine order.
MAGNIFICENT GILT PIERGLASS, with FIGURES, Ornaments.
IRON SAFE by MILNER, and STAND.
SINGER'S HIGH-ARM SEWING MACHINE, nearly new.
CUCKOO CLOCK, LINOLEUM, and Ornaments.
MAGNIFICENT UPRIGHT GRAND PIANO, with full extended iron frame, and possessing all modern improvements, by Carl Hess, specially selected by Messrs. Russell Bros., and is highly recommended for its purity of tone.
VERY VALUABLE OIL PAINTINGS, by ARTISTS OF REPUTE, purchased by the late Mr. RUSSELL in EUROPE.
Connoisseurs of really good works should inspect.
FARMYARD SCENE, by LUTREIIA, is worthy of special note. PAIR by HUBER and FLEURY, &c.
SEVERAL VERY RARE OILS on COPPER.
. PHONOGRAPH, specially imported, recently, and is one of the best in the colony, with 20 records, in portable case, with recorder, motor action.
. Suitable for Hall Entertainments, or for private use.
VALUABLE OLD STRING BASS.
DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, in walnut frames
DOUBLE MUSIC STAND, and a very valuable COLLECTION of MUSIC for piano and string instruments.
Very fine Black-and-Gold OVERMANTEL
4.6 and 2.6 BRASS-MOUNTED BEDSTEADS, fitted with Wire and Kapok Mattresses
Very Valuable Opossum and Platypus Travelling Rugs
TWO-WINGED CEDAR WARDROBE of extra quality
GRAND PAIR of Imported Walnut PEDESTAL TOILETS, fitted with large swing cheval glass and mirrors, drawers in fine order, and worthy of inspection.
EUGENIE COUCH and DIVAN CHAIRS
WALNUT WARDROBE, well fitted and nicely arranged.
The FURNITURE of TWO OTHER BEDROOMS.
EUREKA GAS STOVE, DRESSER, MANGLE.
Talking Parrot, Canaries, and English Linnet.
KITCHEN UTENSILS and SUNDRIES.
LADY'S BICYCLE, nearly new, Red Bird, cost £26.

DALWOOD AND CO., Limited,
have been favoured with instructions from Mrs. RUSSELL, who is leaving by Ortona for Europe, to conduct this important Sale.
WITHOUT RESERVE.
On View Morning of Sale from 8.30 o'clock.

To Parties Furnishing, Dealers, and Others.
AT THE ROOMS, 115 BATHURST-STREET,
TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, MAY 12th, at 10.30.
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, comprising Dining Tables, Austrian Chairs, Washstands, Toilet Tables, Toilet Services, Crockeryware, Cedar and Combination Chests, Half-tester Bedsteads (all sizes), Bookcase, Office Tables, Partitions, Gas and Fuel Ranges, also large quantity of Sundries.

DALWOOD AND CO., Limited,
will sell as above,
WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

To Ironmongers, Tinsmiths, Dealers, and Others.
AT THE ROOMS, 115 BATHURST-STREET,
TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, MAY 12th, at 10.30.
ABOUT 20 TONS OF NAILS, all sizes. The majority are in first-class order.

DALWOOD and CO., Limited, have received imperative instructions to sell as above,
WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

TO THE BOOT TRADE, CLOTHIERS,
OUTFITTERS, COUNTRY BUYERS, and OTHERS.
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION,
UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PROPRIETOR.
AT MY NEW MART,
ON MONDAY, MAY 14th, at 11 o'clock sharp.
The whole of his
VERY EXTENSIVE and WELL-ASSORTED STOCK
of
BOOTS, SHOES, and CLOTHING.
The Stock comprises
MEN'S, WOMEN'S, and CHILDREN'S BOOTS and SHOES. BOOTS and SHOES.
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Also,
MEN'S SERGE, SERGERETTE, and FANCY TWEED SUITS, MACINTOSHES
SERGE WORSTED and FANCY TWEED TROUSERS
Ditto ditto ditto and VESTS
BOYS' and YOUTHS' SERGE and FANCY TWEED SUITS, CHESTER COATS
MEN'S WHITE SHIRTS, TENNIS and FLANNELETTE SHIRTS.
Also,
30 BOXES BON-TON.
The Auctioneer draws the special attention of the Trade to the above sale, as the stock is all clean and sound.
HARRY ISAACS
has received instructions to sell the above at his New Mart, rear Bull's-chambers, Moore-street, city.
WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST RESERVE.

To Fancy Goods Buyers, Cutlers, Dealers, &c., &c.
THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock sharp,
in our Rooms, 7 Wynyard-street.
A Stock of FANCY GOODS, TOYS, BRUSHWARE, CUTLERY, MIRRORS, &c., &c.
M. GOULSTON and CO. (successors to Jas. Rodd and Co.) will sell the above, in their Rooms, TO-DAY, commencing at 11 o'clock sharp.
NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock.
JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247a Pitt-street, the Unredeemed Clothing pledged with Mr. Henry Cohen, of 219 King-street, Newtown, comprising
Clothing, Boots, Blankets, &c.
At 12 o'clock, Box and Gladstone Bag, containing Tailor-made Walking Sac Suits, Overcoats, &c.

THIS DAY, half-past 2.
1 Gas Stove, almost new, Scales and Weights, Lolly Jars, Cake Stands, Ice Chest, Austrian Chairs, Cutlery, and Household Furniture.
JOHN CANTY will sell at 100 Regent-street, Redfern, Contents of Grill and Confectionery Rooms.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 2 o'clock.
H. LEVY will sell by auction at 133 Regent-street New and Second-hand CLOTHING, Drapery, Boots, Furniture, Bedsteads, Tables, Chairs, &c.

THIS DAY, at 2.—MIDDLETON and CO. sell by auction, at Hay and George streets, Haymarket, large quantity of first-class Clothing, Jewellery, Watches, Furniture, and Sundries. No Reserve.

WEEKLY PRODUCE SALE.
ELLIS and CO. will sell by auction, at their Sydney Produce Saleyards, Quay-street, off George-street South, THIS DAY, at 1 o'clock prompt,
Fat Vealers, Porkers, Baconers, Suckers, Carcase Pork and Veal
Choice Brands of Creamery, Factory, and Dairy Roll and Keg Butter
Honey, Lard, Eggs, Bacon, Cheese, Fruit, a large quantity of Poultry of every description, Pigeons, Birds, Game, &c.
70 Sides very choice hand-cured Bacon.

WEEKLY PRODUCE SALE.
HELLMANN and CO. will sell by public auction, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at their Railway Produce Mart, 827 George-street, at 2.30 p.m. sharp,
A large quantity of Fowls, Ducks, Turkeys, Geese
Butter, Eggs
Bacon, Cheese, Honey, &c., &c.

C. J. TURNER will sell, at his Rooms, the Poultry Farmers' Exchange, Valentine-street, Haymarket, at 1.30 THIS DAY,
Poultry, Eggs, Suckers, &c.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY,
11th MAY, at 11 A.M.
IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION,
at
THE AUCTION ROOMS
of
LAWSON, CARO, AND CO., Limited,
128, 130 PITT-STREET,
near King-street.
VERY SUPERIOR FURNITURE
and
HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS,
including the Furniture removed from a Gentleman's Residence at Strathfield, and on account of various vendors,
comprising
TABLE GLASS, CHINA, CUTLERY,
and
FIRST QUALITY ELECTROPLATE.
DINING-ROOM FURNITURE,
including
HANDSOME AMERICAN WALNUT SIDEBOARD, constructed with Side Cabinets, Cellarette, and Drawers, the Back fitted with Bevelled-edged Mirrors and Side Brackets, size 6ft.
VERY SUBSTANTIAL DINING-ROOM SUITE, made in Dark Oak and Upholstered in Morocco Leather, Nine Pieces.
TELESCOPE DINING TABLES, fitted with Patent Screws and Spare Leaves, extending 8, 10, and 12 feet.
ROYAL AXMINSTER AND BRUSSELS CARPETS.
REAL TURKEY CARPETS AND RUGS.
RICH CHENILLE WINDOW CURTAINS.
ELEGANT OVERMANTELS.
DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE AND APPOINTMENTS,
including
EXQUISITE DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, very beautifully upholstered in Tapestry and Plush
OCCASIONAL TABLES and CHAIRS.
CHOICE ORNAMENTS.
VALUABLE OIL PAINTINGS AND WATER-COLOUR DRAWINGS.
PIANOFORTES.
VALUABLE UPRIGHT PIANOFORTE, by the renowned makers R. Lipp and Sohn, Stuttgart, in Walnut Case.
WALNUT UPRIGHT by RONISCH
WALNUT UPRIGHT by KLEMM
EBONISED UPRIGHT by HERZOG
WALNUT UPRIGHT by R. BILSE and CO., Berlin.
And several other Instruments by Celebrated Makers.
Also,
WALNUT AMERICAN ORGAN, 10 Stops, by The Bell Organ Co.
BEDROOM FURNITURE
includes
VERY SUPERIOR BEDROOM SUITE, consisting of
6ft. Wardrobe and Pair Pedestal Toilets, size 4ft.
WALNUT BEACONSFIELD BEDROOM SUITE, consisting of
4ft. Wardrobe and Pair Combination Toilets, size 3ft. 6in.
HANDSOME BEDSTEADS
for Double and Single Apartments, and furnished complete with Woven-wire Spring Mattresses and Best Bedding.
BOX OTTOMAN COUCH.
EUGENIE BEDROOM LOUNGE.
SEVERAL FIRST-CLASS SEWING MACHINES.
KITCHEN and LAUNDRY REQUISITES,
&c., &c.
Also,
LARGE CHEST CARPENTERS' TOOLS, furnished complete.
THE NATIONAL TYPEWRITER.
YOUTHS' and GENT.'S BICYCLES.
TANN'S RELIANCE SAFE.
LAWSON, CARO, and CO., Ltd.,
JAMES R. LAWSON,
AUCTIONEER,
have been favoured with instructions to conduct the Important Sale by Auction as above,
AT THE AUCTION ROOMS,
128-130 PITT-STREET.
WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

THIS DAY, at 11 A.M. SHARP.
On the Premises,
273 DARLING-STREET, BALMAIN.
The COMPLETE PLANT of a HAIRDRESSING SALOON and STOCK of a TOBACCONIST, comprising
"VICTORY" HAIRDRESSER'S CHAIR
CHILD'S ditto
BARBER'S CHAIRS, SHAMPOO BASIN, URNS
MIRRORS, AUST. FURNITURE, PERFUMERY
INCANDESCENT LIGHTS, FITTINGS and FIXTURES
TOBACCO, CIGARS, CIGARETTES, of various brands
MEERSCHAUM and BRIAR PIPES, CIGAR-HOLDERS
CIGAR CASES, PURSES, KNIVES, RAZORS
SCISSORS, STUDS, LINKS, FANCY GOODS
5 SUPERIOR WALL CASES
NICKEL COUNTER CASE, TOBACCO CUTTERS
MECHANICAL WINDOW NOVELTIES
LARGE QUANTITY of TOBACCONIST'S GOODS.
BARNARD AND CO.
will sell by auction, as above.
POSITIVELY WITHOUT RESERVE.
Auctioneers' Offices: 74 Castlereagh-street.

THIS DAY, at 2.30 p.m.
On the Premises, YOUNG-STREET, CITY, adjoining Hotel Metropole.
Peremptory and Unreserved Sale by Auction of the contents of a
15-ROOMED HOUSE,
comprising
20 SINGLE and DOUBLE HALF-TESTER BEDSTEADS, complete with Bedding
15 COMBINATION and other CHESTS of DRAWERS
WASHSTANDS and WARE, 50 Aust. Chairs
DINING TABLES, E.P. WARE, CROCKERY
GLASSWARE, SIDEBOARD with P.G. back
HOUSEHOLD and LAUNDRY REQUISITES in great variety.
BARNARD AND CO.
have been instructed by the Mortgagees to sell as above.
POSITIVELY WITHOUT RESERVE.
Auctioneers' Offices,
74 Castlereagh-street.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 11th May,
at 11 a.m.
At 146 ELIZABETH-STREET, near Liverpool-street.
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION
of
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.
On account of various owners.
DRAWING-ROOM SUITES, Overmantel, Tapestry and Plush Chairs, RATTAN SUITE, Work Basket, Music Rack, Sideboards, Dining Tables, Dinner Ware, Glassware, Clock, Pickle Cruet, Vases, Bookcase, Couch, Rockers, Occl. Tables, BEDSTEADS and BEDDING, Bedroom Suites, Combn. Chests, Toilet Pairs, M.-top W. Stands, Child's Cot, Verandah Lounge, Verandah Chair, Showcase, Wire Mattresses, Gas Stoves, Sewing Machines, and a lot of miscellaneous Furniture.
R. F. BROOK,
late
H. W. BROOK AND CO.,
have received instructions from the owners to sell THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.
The attention of Gentry furnishing well in the various Suburbs, City, or Country, Dealers in Furniture, Commission Agents, and others is respectfully directed to the Sale by Public Auction,
ON MONDAY NEXT,
at 10.30 a.m.
AT CHANDOS, 21 WINDSOR-ROAD,
SUMMER HILL, LEWISHAM,
close old Canterbury-road.
By order Mrs. W. W. DANLEY, who is leaving for Durban, Africa, at an early date.
THE VERY SUPERIOR MODERN FURNITURE, ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS,
MAGNIFICENT WILMER
PIANOFORTE,
SUPERB SINGER SEWING MACHINE, new model
BEST SOLID WALNUT DINING SUITE, in splendid frames and upholstery
BEST SOLID WALNUT SIDEBOARD, 8ft.
GRAND SOLID WALNUT DRAWING-ROOM CABINET
SOLID WALNUT CHIPPENDALE DRAWING R. SUITE
SUPERIOR BRUSSELS CARPETS and LINOLEUMS
VALUABLE EASTERN ART CURTAINS
BEAUTIFULLY MATCHED PAIR WALNUT OVERMANTELS
MAGNIFICENT 8ft. DINING TABLE, patent screw
REMARKABLY HANDSOME LARGE BEDROOM SUITE
SUPERIOR BEDSTEADS and APPOINTMENTS of 3 BEDROOMS
KITCHEN DRESSER and ALL REQUISITES
RALEIGH'S PARAGON GAS STOVE
Elegant Wire Flower-stands, Bookcase, two Lawn Mowers, Scythe, Barrow, &c.
Chandos will be open for inspection TO-MORROW, Saturday, from 2 to 9 p.m.
Catalogues on application to the Auctioneers.
MESSRS. STRONGMAN and WATSON.
Telephone, 200 Burwood.

A. MITCHELL will sell THIS DAY, at 10.30 a.m., at 81 Howard-st., Sydney, Household Furniture, &c.

To Dealers, Private Buyers, and Others.
IMPERATIVE AND UNRESERVED SALE.
HYAM HAINS has received instructions from the Mortgagees to sell by public auction TO-MORROW, Saturday, at 2 p.m., on the Premises, No. 12 Pearson-street, Balmain, off Nicholson-street (take Mort's Dock ferry, and alight at Darling-street),
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS—
Handsome D.-room Suite, Rattan Furniture, Handsome Hall Stand, Overmantels, Aus. Furniture, Singer S. Machine, Bookcase, Sideboard, Linoleum, Clocks, Whatnots, Literature, Half-tester Bedsteads and Bedding, Chests Drawers, Miscellaneous Furniture, Sundries, &c., &c.
NO RESERVE. TERMS, CASH.
Also, a quantity of Fantail Pigeons and Aviary.
EVERY LINE SUBMITTED MUST BE SOLD.
Auctioneer's Offices—243 Pitt-street.

SATURDAY, MAY 12th, at 2 p.m.
Third Absolute CLEARING TIMBER SALE of Surplus Stock, by order of H. M'Kenzie, as he has now removed to his new premises in Blackwattle Bay.
On the Premises, 50 PYRMONT-STREET,
a few doors from Union-street, Pyrmont.
Hardwood, Cedar, Oregon, all sizes; Battens, T. and G. Flooring and Lining, Mouldings, Doors, Skirtings, &c.
To Builders, Contractors, and Cabinetmakers, &c.

JAMES COWAN, 206 Pitt-street, will sell as above, by auction, SATURDAY, May 12th, at 2 p.m.
TERMS, CASH. NO RESERVE.

MOSMAN.—Allotments on Ground, To-morrow, Sat. Title Torrens. Lithos. Easy terms. R. and W., Ltd.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY.
ORDER OF SALE
SHARES,
CITY AND SUBURBAN PROPERTIES,
to be
SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m.,
THIS DAY, FRIDAY.
SHARES.—371 and 15 Shares Civil Service Mutual Bld. and L. Society, Ltd., in TWO PARCELS. Curator's sale.
CITY.—Six Houses, Nos. 12 to 22 Taylor-street, between Flinders and Dowling streets, near Oxford-street.
PADDINGTON.—Two Houses, Oriclton and Glenlee, Nos. 176 and 178 Glenmore-road, opposite Gurner-street.
DITTO.—House, Ashdell, No. 120 Point Piper-road, close to Windsor-street.
NORTH SYDNEY.—Harbour Frontage Block, Blue's Point-road and waters of harbour, together with Cottages and Stores thereon.
DITTO.—Two Houses, Nos. 6 and 8 William-street, near Blue's Point-road. Executor's sale.
DITTO.—Cottage, No. 12 William-street, close to above. Executor's sale.
DITTO.—Cottage and Land, Ernest and Sophia streets, west of Miller-street. Executor's sale.
DITTO.—Corner Allotment, Alexander and Ernest streets. Executor's sale.
DITTO.—Cottage, No. 41 Whaling-road, close to Alfred-street.
ASHFIELD.—Block of Land, Alt-street, fenced.
HORNSBY JUNCTION.—Cottage and 1¾ acre, Old Peat's Ferry-road, known as Mr. Blunden's.
SEVEN HILLS.—Cottage and 32a. 1r. 21p., Seven Hills road, adjoining old parsonage. Mortgagee's sale.
CARLINGFORD.—Various Lots, Government Township Subdivision, east side of line. Plan on view.
ONE-SIXTH SHARE under the will of late John Dalton, of Newcastle, in various Properties, city and suburbs of Newcastle, Mortgages, Stocks, Shares, &c.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

TO HOTELKEEPERS, CAPITALISTS, and OTHERS.
IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE
of
HOTEL AND TOWN LANDS,
FORBES.
WITHOUT RESERVE.
MESSRS. W. K. GARNSEY and SONS (in conjunction with Mr. N. A. READ) have received instructions from the Executors of the Will of the late LEVY VANDENBERG, deceased (under which the property hereafter described is directed to be sold), to offer by public auction, at Messrs. Garnsey and Sons' Offices, ON THE PREMISES,
on
FRIDAY, the 25th day of MAY NEXT,
at 12 o'clock noon,
The following well-known and valuable HOTEL PROPERTY (as a going concern), being one of the leading and longest established Hotels in the Western District:—
VANDENBERG'S COURTHOUSE HOTEL,
Situated in COURT-STREET, FORBES, and facing VICTORIA PARK, and in close proximity to the POST OFFICE, TOWN HALL, and COURTHOUSE.
The LAND on which the Hotel, &c., is built comprises ¼ an acre 5½ perches, under the REAL PROPERTY ACT, nearly in the CENTRE of the TOWN OF FORBES.
The HOTEL (of two stories) is built of BRICK with roof of IRON, and contains some 40 Rooms, all faithfully built.
Attached to the Hotel are extensive and well-built STABLES of BRICK, with Iron Roof, together with LOOSE BOXES, BUGGY-SHEDS, &c.
In addition to the above, which are offered with the Hotel, are 3 SUITES of OFFICES, occupied by old and first-class tenants, and producing substantial rentals.
The whole is insured in the sum of £7000 or thereabouts.
The HOTEL, &c., has a frontage to Court-street of 198 ... or thereabouts, and comprises the following ALLOTMENTS:—
LOT 1.—8a, 8, part of 14, 15, 16a, 13 and part of 14 of Section 8.
LOT 2.—COTTAGE and 5½ perches in Templar-street, opposite the residence of the late William Thomas, being Allotment 8 of Section 8, under Torrens title.
Also,
LOT 3.—½ an acre, corner Berkley and Clement streets, Camp-hill, being Allotment 12 of Section 20. Freehold title.
LOT 4.—½ acre, adjoining, corner Bathurst and Clement streets; Allotment 8 of Section 25, freehold title.
LOT 5.—8 acres on Orange-road, about ½ mile from Post-office, being portions 610, 669, 670, and 671. Under Torrens title.
The Auctioneers call attention to this Sale as being one of the most important of Hotel Property, Town and Suburban Lands ever held in Forbes.
JOHN ROBINSON, Rankin-street, Forbes, is Solicitor for the Estate.
For further particulars apply to
W. K. GARNSEY and SONS,
or N. A. READ,
Auctioneers, Forbes.

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales,
Sheriff's Office, Sydney,
17th April, 1900.
ALF. TAYLOR, trading, &c., v. GALLOWAY, J. E.
ON FRIDAY, the 11th day of May, 1900, at noon, unless the Writ of Fieri Facias herein be previously satisfied, the Sheriff will cause to be sold by public auction, at the Arbitration Court, Supreme Court, Sydney, all the right, title, and interest of John Elder Galloway, the defendant herein, of, in, and to all that the equity of redemption, and all other the right, title, and interest of him, the said John Elder Galloway, the defendant herein, of, in, and to all that piece or parcel of land situate in parish of Kincumber, in the county of Northumberland, and colony of New South Wales, being lot fifty-two of the Green Point Estate, Brisbane Water, commencing at a point on the northern side of the Kincumber-road, being the south-western corner of lot fifty-four, and bounded thence on the east by lot fifty-four bearing northerly about two thousand and thirty links to a reserved road, thence on the north by that road bearing westerly one thousand links to another reserved road, thence on the west by the lastnamed road bearing southerly two thousand eight hundred and thirty four links to the Kincumber-road, and thence on the south by the Kincumber-road bearing easterly to the point of commencement.
Also, of, in, and to all that piece or parcel of land in the parish of Kincumber, county of Northumberland, in the said colony, being lot fifty-three of the Green Point Estate, Brisbane Water, containing by admeasurement fifty-two acres, be the same more or less, commencing at the intersection of two reserved roads, being the south-west corner of lot fifty-three, and bounded on the west by the lot ... reserved roads bearing northerly three thousand two hundred links, thence on the north by a line bearing easterly one thousand links, thence on the east by lot fifty-five, by a line bearing southerly three thousand two hundred links to the other reserved road, and thence on the south by that road bearing westerly one thousand links to the point of commencement, be the said several dimensions, or any of them, a little more or less.
Subject to mortgage No. 766, Book 618, made the twentieth day of April, 1895, between John Elder Galloway, the abovenamed defendant, and James Thompson Wilshire in consideration of £350, interest at six per cent, quarterly, money advanced repayable by instalments of £50 each succeeding year.
Terms, Cash.
C. E. B. MAYBURY, Sheriff.
DAVID FEALY, Plaintiff's Attorney, 49 Hunter-street, Sydney.

MOSMAN.—Allotments on Ground, To-morrow, Sat. Title Torrens. Lithos. Easy terms. R. and W., Ltd.

Medical, Chemicals, &c.

GOLD MEDAL
HEALTH EXHIBITION,
LONDON.
BENGER'S
FOOD,
FOR INFANTS, INVALIDS, AND THE AGED.
DELICIOUS, NUTRITIOUS, DIGESTIBLE.
BENGER'S FOOD is not only highly nutritious, but is most easily digested, and is so delicious that it is enjoyed by the youngest Infant or the most delicate Invalid.
BENGER'S FOOD
is
Sold in Tins by Chemists, &c., everywhere.

NO PILLS BUT ABRAHAM'S are made from choice herbs (Dandelion, &c.), as give such good and great results to the consumer; they are always successful when many others fail, and great care is taken to have them absolutely uniform.
Prudent housekeepers in Australia will send back and decline to take a substitute for
ABRAHAM'S PILLS.
A City Physician says: "I regard ABRAHAM'S PILLS as the best that I have ever taken, and since their introduction I never take any other, and do not require to use Calomel or its preparations."
Sold Everywhere, 1s, 2s, and 3s Boxes.
THE LABORATORY, 434 GEORGE-STREET, SYDNEY.

KEATING'S COUGH LOZENGES.—COUGHS, ASTHMA, BRONCHITIS, DIFFICULTY OF BREATHING are speedily cured by KEATING'S COUGH LOZENGES (recognised and recommended by the Medical Faculty). No other remedy is half so effective. One lozenge alone gives relief. Sold in small tins by all chemists.

Building Materials.

SEVENTY Thousand full-sized Spotted Sandstock BRICKS, cheap. Garden-st., Sydenham rail. station.

FOR SALE, quantity Sandstock Bricks, Stone, Tiles, Gal. Iron. 250 and 354, at back King-st., Newtown.

FOR SALE, quantity BRICKS, about 14,000. Opposite Bald Faced Stag, Petersham.

Machinery.

WATER PIPES for SALE, all in good order. Wrought Iron, Riveted, 33½ and 22 in. diameter. Steel Riveted, 8in. diameter (flange).
Cast Iron, 6in. diameter (spigot).
Apply JOSEPH REBELLO,
Mutual-buildings, Martin-place, Sydney.

PIONEER Patent-edged BELTING is the best for electric purposes.
J. C. LUDOWICI and SON, Limited,
117 York-street (opposite New Markets).

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An agreement, bearing date the 24th day of January, 1900, made between W. H. Webb, therein described, of the one part, and George Atterbury Parker, therein described as trustee on behalf of the Company about to be formed, of the other part.

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An agreement, bearing date the 6th day of January, 1900, made between Edward Locke, therein described, of the one part, and the said W. H. Webb, of the other part.

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Memorandum under the hands of the said W. H. Webb, Thomas Lowery, Robert Cross, and James Nicholas, bearing date the 6th day of December, 1899.

REPORT UPON THE PROPERTY BY H. DOWNIE, LATE MANAGER OF THE EARNSCLEUGH COMPANY'S DREDGES, OTAGO, NEW ZEALAND.

Clements-chambers, 88 Pitt-street,
Sydney, 17th November, 1899.

TO THE FISH RIVER DREDGING SYNDICATE, SYDNEY.

Dear Sirs,—

At your request I visited your property on the Fish River, and beg to hand you my report.

Your claim is situated about a quarter of a mile from Locksley Railway Station, and fifteen miles from Bathurst, and contains about two and a half miles of the river bed in length, and between three and four chains in width. I inspected the claim the whole length, and panned off many dishes of wash at different parts, and found wonderful prospects to some of the dishes, varying from a few colours up to twenty grains to the dish, and from miners residing about the district I heard of much better results. It is my candid opinion that the wash on the bottom will be wonderfully rich. The ground consists of blue gravel wash with no big stones, and from 8ft. to 15ft. deep, the same resting on a decomposed granite bottom, which is highly suitable for bucket dredging.

The property appears perfectly clear of any snags or bars, and the few trees about could be cut down and burnt, and would not interfere with the dredge in the slightest, which would be perfectly free to work from one end of your claim to the other. About the centre of your claim there are large rocks which turn the river at almost right angles, and at this point large quantities of gold have been obtained but the miners have never been able to work the centre of the river, nor to any depth, owing to too much water. From the nature of the surrounding country, and the samples of gold, I have not the slightest doubt that there are very rich deposits at this point, and the miners whom I met about your property hold the same opinion.

On both sides of the river there are several large alluvial flats containing first-class deposits of auriferous wash, and in many places holes had been sunk with a view of reaching bedrock, but in all cases the miners had been driven back by too much water. These flats should make splendid dredging properties. The croppings on the hills and in all cases where bottom has been obtained consist of decomposed granite.

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ON THE VICTORIAN COAST.

WRECK OF THE SIERRA NEVADA.

INTERVIEWS WITH THE SURVIVORS.

GRAPHIC NARRATIVES.

TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE OF THE CREW.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A coherent account of the wreck of the Sierra Nevada was given by George M'Guffin. He is 52 years of age, and bore the marks of the buffeting he sustained early in the morning when battling against the elements. He says that just before the alarm was raised which brought all hands on deck he was conversing with one of the apprentices in the forecastle. The apprentice said, "By George, there's something wrong; a green light has changed to red; we are getting into danger." Soon after all hands were called up on deck. It was a dark night, and the weather was thick, with a heavy sea running. Sail was shortened, and after the ship had wore round the course was changed to get the vessel off the land, as she was then too close, with a lee shore looming up. The seas curled right over and swept the decks.

The vessel and crew were in a sad plight. The sea made a clean sweep of the ship fore and aft and carried off all movables. M'Guffin hurried on to the forecastle, but the sea drove him away from that part of the ship and he fled to the forerigging, where the waves were breaking so high that they touched him even there. After seeing two or three seas sweep the decks he went to the boats, as the captain had come on deck and ordered the boats to be got out to save the crew. He and several other seamen went to clear the port lifeboat, which was soon put out and slung ready for lowering. The ship in the meantime had struck aft, and was heaving up on the rocks. She was tossed about like a cork boat, and quickly filled as the seas rushed over the ship's side and poured into the boat.

That was what saved them. The boat had been almost water-logged, and being a lifeboat enabled the survivors to reach the shore, although a heavy sea was running. Fourteen men rushed into the boat as she hung by the "falls;" but then a difficulty arose over getting the boat clear, as those in her could not get the ropes clear. The ship's steward asked Spedding, an apprentice, to cut away the "falls," but, not having a knife, the last named appealed to M'Guffin, who by chance had a few minutes before sharpened his knife, which Spedding used to cut away the "falls." The boat, however, pitched herself clear, and settled down; but nine of the men were washed out of her, and young Griffiths, a seaman, was the only one who survived out of those thrown into the sea, and he, after a long and arduous swim for his life, reached the shore.

The boat after leaving the ship drifted in shore, passing between rocks, after which the water became smoother, and the four men left in the boat reached the beach. The vessel, before she struck, had been wore round several times, and it seemed as if the wind changed while the vessel was trying to get clear of the land, thus making it more difficult still to get clear of the shore. It was the port anchor that was let go; but after the vessel had swung to she kept dragging towards the breakers, and in a few minutes the crash of the vessel on the reef came. The chief officer, Mr. Crawley, said, "Get the sick man out of the forecastle, and put him into the boat." "That was done at once," said M'Guffin; "but one thing was omitted, which I consider proved fatal to the majority. Not one of us had a life-belt on or a buoy about us in the boats."

STATEMENT BY ROBERT GRIFFITHS.

Robert Griffiths, a young A.B. aged 19, speaks of Captain Scott in high terms, and states that his treatment of the crew on the voyage, which lasted 113 days, was excellent. "The Sierra Nevada," said Griffiths, "sighted land some days before she passed Cape Otway, but the captain seemed to be uncertain as to his position. We passed Cape Otway on Tuesday morning, and had heavy weather. It had been thick and blowing strong from the south. We were off Port Phillip Heads early in the evening. Soon after 6 o'clock the vessel was kept off the land, the wind then taking her well on her course. But suddenly it changed to head. The captain gave orders however, to keep on the same course; but the weather thickened as night wore on and became foggy, making it difficult to keep a good lookout—in fact, we could see absolutely nothing ahead of us. The sails were shortened and we put the ship on the wind, but despite all we could do we were fast getting on to the shore.

"The ship was put about again. This was done three times and very little headway was made. The breakers were seen close by, and we were getting into a dangerous position. A 'flare' was then burned by order of the captain. This was a signal to the pilot schooner to send off a pilot, but very soon after the anchor had to be let go, as she continued to drift in shore. The vessel struck aft with a crash. There was not the remotest chance of saving her. She rose up and behaved like a shuttlecock. We knew this could not last long. Great seas made a clean sweep over the ship, and it was only a question of a few minutes before the vessel would go to pieces, as the masts had gone by the board, and the rigging on all the masts was shivering like the strings of a fiddle when unstrung. Captain Scott told all hands to cast off the lifeboats and endeavour to save themselves. The captain, after the first boat was gone, seemed to be afraid to go ashore himself, as he said there were so many rocks, and he did not know where there would be a safe place to effect a landing. The boat on the port side, however, was got out by some men, and on reaching the water was still held by the 'falls.' She fell and went down by the stern, but the occupants, with the exception of four, were washed out. I had to swim with all my strength to keep afloat, and a few minutes of awful work ended in my getting into smooth water, and shortly afterwards I touched bottom on the beach.

"When I lost sight of the ship she was still intact so far as the hull was concerned. The remainder of the crew with the officers were on the starboard side preparing to cut away the lifeboat on that side of the ship."

When asked why the captain did not make an effort to get the boats clear sooner Griffiths said that Captain Scott was doing all he could, but the break-up of the ship came sooner than was anticipated. "In fact," he added, "it seemed to me as if, from the position she was in, after two or three further jumps on the reef she burst underneath and parted away. All those who remained on board were carried away with the wreckage."

A SICK SAILOR SAVED.

John M'Coy's statement of the disaster is much the same as that made by Griffiths. Early in the voyage M'Coy, who is a middle-aged man, fell on the anchor, and besides injuring his head, sustained a fractured rib, which caused him to fall into bad health and be confined to his bunk for some time previous to the wreck. He said that when the ship first struck he knew it was all up with them. No vessel could stand such a buffeting on the reef. When the order was given to man the boats the chief officer had M'Coy helped from his bunk to the lifeboat, and every care was subsequently taken of him.

LIST OF OFFICERS AND CREW.

The following is a complete list of officers and crew:—John Scott, captain; Cowley, first mate; Barron, second mate; J. Fogg, boatswain; and James White, carpenter. The steward's name is not known, but his address was Victoria-square, Liverpool. Webber was the name of the apprentice. The sailmaker's name is unknown. The apprentices were as follow, and include a nephew of the late George Augustus Sala:—Charles Jones, James Spedding, Augustus Sala, Algie, who is the son of a sailmaker at Douglas, in the Isle of Man, and Rollenson, a son of the captain of one of the China steamers. The crew was:—Starboard watch: G. M'Guffin, W. Brown, Joseph Blackburn, John Smith, Charles Williams, James Hurle, and Thomas Tongue. Port watch: J. Freeman, W. Russell, T. Rice, J. M'Coy, Michael Berg, R. Griffiths, and J. Delahunte. The cook's name was M'Cowan, and he was a native of Dundee.

The men who were saved are quite destitute of clothing, and only have the few clothes they escaped in. Captain Scott had been several times to Australia, having visited Melbourne, Sydney, and Newcastle on different voyages. Mr. Cowley, the first officer, was on his first voyage to Melbourne, and belonged to Manchester. Mr. Barron, the second officer, was a native of Wexford.

Later.

Later particulars of the wreck of the Sierra Nevada show that the first mate, Crawley, was in charge when the vessel arrived off the heads on Tuesday evening, and when it was discovered the vessel had worked too close on the lee shore Captain Scott was summoned, and all hands were called on deck. Every effort was made to work the vessel off. Three times they wore ship, but still a terrible line of surf lay close on the lee, and there was a tumultuous sea. The captain gave orders to let go the port anchor, and as soon as the order was executed the vessel swung round, and the stern crashed on the rocks. After a series of terrible bumps the vessel rapidly settled down. The port lifeboat, containing M'Coy, M'Guffin, Delahunty, and Freeman, had a wonderful escape of being dashed against the rocks. The boat found a small opening in the wall of rock, and reached a sandy beach, where the men landed. The fifth survivor—Griffiths—saved himself by swimming ashore. He also had a wonderful escape from being killed on the rocks. An attempt to launch the starboard lifeboat when the ship struck failed entirely, for before the lifeboat could be released the ship had broken in two and sank out of sight, sucking down the men in the vortex.

Only Captain Scott's body has been recovered out of the 23 men lost. The head was battered beyond recognition against the rocks, and the body was identified by clothing and by a ring on the finger. Mrs. Smith, who lives in Emily-street, Footscray, is mother of one of the victims. Mrs. Smith stated her son's name was John Augustus Smith, and he was 20 years of age on May 1 last, and was a native of Dunbarton, Scotland, from whence the family originally came. He left Footscray two years and a half ago to look for work. Failing to find it ashore, he shipped on board a vessel called the Indore, bound for Port Pirie, as an ordinary seaman. The next the family heard of him was at Queenstown in Ireland. Again they heard of him in Glasgow, and from there he seems to have shipped to Calcutta. His letters showed him to be home-sick. He made three attempts to board a ship to Australia. On one he offered to pay his passage. The fare was 72 rupees, and he had only 50. Although the captain agreed to take him for a certain sum, he was unable to raise the balance. Later he left Calcutta in a vessel bound for Demerara, West Indies, going by way of St. Helena. From there he went to Bristol, to London and Liverpool, where he shipped on board the ill-fated Sierra Nevada, and was, evidently, judging from his last letter, looking forward with much joy to a happy reunion with his family.

SCENE OF THE WRECK.

The spot where the Sierra Nevada went ashore is probably the most repellent and barren on the coast-line of all Australia. From Point Nepean towards Cape Schank stretches a line of hard brown scowling cliffs undercut by the action of the waves and rising one over the other like steps carved by some giants of past ages. Here and there the terrace is broken by a mass of shapeless boulders, whose jagged edges and pinnacles point threateningly in all directions, and in describing the wreck of the Cheviot one writer likened the close rugged formation of rocks to a set crocodile's teeth. Against these serrated bergs the rollers batter loudly, the seas alternately rising and revealing other rocks equally cruel-looking, set in the bed of the ocean. A hundred yards or so from the shore is a line of breakers indicating a reef formed of rocks that appear too hard to submit even to the rounding influence of the waves. Beyond this again is another reef, and far towards the horizon more reefs of the same character may be discerned, each apparently wanting to intercept and drag to pieces any unfortunate who may be swept across them. Ships coming from the direction of Sydney turn Wilson's Promontory to steer their course by the Split Point and Lonsdale lights, keeping the former on the port, and the latter on the starboard side. If this rule be followed it would appear improbable for a ship to get as close in shore as the Sierra Nevada did.

GRAPHIC ACCOUNT BY A SURVIVOR.

Charles Freeman, one of the survivors of the wreck, has made a statement with reference to the wreck. He was on the look-out at the time of the disaster. He sounded the bell about half an hour before she struck, and called out to the first mate, Crawley, "My God, she is going ashore; save her." At the same time he sent up six rockets for assistance. Within half an hour of her striking the ship went to pieces. Captain Scott's order to let go the anchor was promptly executed, and though 40 fathoms paid out, the anchor would not hold. There were three anchors aboard. The starboard anchor was ready to drop, but no order was given. On Tuesday afternoon, Freeman states, the Sierra Nevada was sailing along with a fair wind, when a four-masted vessel passed her. The wind then changed, and the Sierra Nevada made out to sea off Cape Schanck. If she had followed in the course of the other vessel she would have been all right. Referring to the launch of the lifeboat from the wreck, Freeman says the survivors were battling in the lifeboat for two hours before they succeeded in getting ashore, and they were then quite exhausted.

FURTHER STATEMENTS.

The five men who survived the wreck and were given shelter at the Portsea are all doing well. To-day M'Coy, in a further statement, again alluded to the gallant conduct of the chief officer (Mr. Crawley). "After I had been put by the mate into the lifeboat he went forward again to try and get another man out, and he had just exclaimed 'Goodbye, old chap,' when a great wave broke on board, and deluging the ship's deck poured into our boat and swamped her so much that she went down by the stern. At the same time the mizzenmast was tottering as if about to fall. All the topmasts of the ship had gone, and we thought hope only lay in cutting away from the 'falls' which held the boat. I remembered no more till I was brought to the quarantine station."

The young seaman Griffiths was walking about the Quarantine Station-buildings looking as well as possible. "This is not my first wreck," he said, "as I was shipwrecked three years ago on the Isle of Man when in a three-masted schooner called The Minnie Haike." In referring to the loss of the Sierra Nevada Griffiths stoutly denied the report that the captain of the vessel had to be carried on deck just before the disaster occurred. "The mate, Crowley, was certainly in charge before we struck, but the captain was on deck when we shortened sail and wore the ship round. It is quite untrue that the captain was intoxicated. I have never seen him in that state. We knew there was something wrong when the red light came into view at the heads, and the officer on deck at once took steps to try to extricate the ship from the position she was getting into, but was unable to do so. I was at the wheel all the time this was going on, and knew what was being done to try to save the ship.

Early this morning another body was washed inshore from the wreck. The artillerymen picked it up and rolled it in canvas. Freeman identified it as the body of Thomas Tongue, who belonged to Liverpool. During the day the spectators on the beach and high ground overlooking the scene observed what appeared to be signs of another corpse in the water between the remains of the ship and the rocks. The tide, however, being ebbing, there was no chance to ascertain whether the object was a body. Another spectator declared that there were corpses entangled in the portion of wreck showing above the waves. In the absence of any boat or steamer to go out to the spot this observation could not be investigated.

CARGO RECOVERED BY ARTILLERYMEN.

Thanks to services rendered by a detachment of Artillerymen from Portsea Barracks, several thousand pounds worth of cargo from the wreck of the Sierra Nevada was recovered from the surf and placed out of reach of the waves. The local inhabitants showed a strong inclination to carry off everything they could from the shore, but a stop was quickly put to these proceedings. When wreckage came ashore yesterday it was not spread over a large area, but during the night the tide took it out to sea, and when it was washed ashore again to-day it scattered over an area of several miles.

STRANDING OF THE MAGNAT.

THE CREW SAVED.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The stranded German sailing vessel, Magnat, 1200 tons, bound from Capetown to Newcastle, with sand ballast (Captain Ockermann, first mate Mens Peters, second mate Deterick Brane, and a crew of 15), is still on the sand, near Cape Liptrap, and between that cape and Cape Patterson. There is but little hope of ever getting the ship off. The weather is now squally, and the ship is on the full swell of the waves, lying partly on her side. The scene of the wreck is 10 miles along the coast from Inverloch, Anderson's Inlet, and four miles from the Lower Tarwin Hotel. The country around the scene of the wreck is not very thickly populated. Mr. George Black, grazier, of Tarwin Meadows, owns and rents most of the land for miles around. It is 25 miles from here to the wreck. On sighting the land at 11.45 p.m. on Tuesday night the captain, first mate, and all hands tried to bring the ship round, first one way and then the other. They also put on more sail, but all of no avail, the helm not answering. A strong breeze was blowing at the time from S.S.W. On being first sighted the land was on the port bow and forward. A big swell put the vessel where she now lies, nearly 100 yards from high-water mark.

Constable Theyere, of Inverloch, who was doing duty work at Lower Tarwin on Wednesday afternoon, heard there was a wreck, and went off at once to the scene of the disaster. Upon arrival, he found several of the crew on the shore, including the second mate. The constable decided to go on the illfated ship to get statements from the captain and the first mate. Theyere went over on a block and tackle, the swell being very big and strong, but the ship was reached safely, and the constable obtained a statement from the officers. When returning he had a narrow escape. The swingboard, with a piece of rope attached to a block, which ran on a rope from the ship to the shore, comprised the means of transit. When being thus pulled ashore a heavy swell took the constable under the water causing the men on the land to lose their hold of the rope, and, but for their quickness in regaining the end before the rope entered the water, the constable would have had a rough time. Fortunately, he was pulled ashore. He was wet to the skin. He, however, started at 7.15 p.m. for Leongatha to report to Melbourne, arriving at Leongatha at 10.15 p.m., a distance of 25 miles. There is a lighthouse at Wilson's Promontory and Cape Schanck on each side of the wreck, but the rough weather that prevailed on Tuesday night would make it almost impossible to see them, they being many miles away. The crew on Wednesday were none the worse for their rough experience.

GOULBURN DIOCESAN SYNOD.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

At the synod last night an ordinance introduced by Canon Spencer for the exchange of cures was defeated on the second reading. Canon Spencer moved the second reading of an ordinance for regulating the appointment of clergymen to cures. The second reading was passed. A clause proposing to give to any benefactor building a church to seat 300 people, or endowing a stipend to the extent of £200 a year, the right of presenting a clergyman for the parish was strongly opposed and was expunged. In the afternoon consideration of the ordinance was resumed. It was agreed that every presentee to a benefice should before he was licensed thereto make a declaration of his willingness to submit to the provisions of all ordinances and rules of synod. The Bishop said when he came to the diocese he inserted in the oaths and declaration list a declaration to synod, because in other dioceses lack of it had been the cause of litigation.

THE INDIAN FAMINE FUND.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The "Barrier Miner" forwarded yesterday to Lord Curzon, Viceroy of India, a first draft for £40, collected for the Indian Famine Fund. The draft was franked by the National Bank.

New Mountain Scenery. Two beautiful pages in this week's "Mail," showing Rodriquez's Pass and Beauchamp Falls.—Advt.

COUNTRY NEWS.

BURNING FATALITY AT ALBURY.

ALBURY, Thursday.

Zingara Allard, an old woman living alone in a cottage at Albury Flat, met with a terrible death last night. A neighbour entered the cottage this morning and found Mrs. Allard lying in front of the fire quite dead. Nearly all her clothing was burned off the body, and the body itself was much charred. A coroner's inquest was held to-day, but no evidence was elicited to clear up the matter. The jury found a verdict of accidental death.

BOWRAL, Thursday.

The Rev. M. Maddern last night gave an interesting lantern lecture in the Wesleyan School-hall on the "Transvaal War." The "Absent-minded Beggar" was recited by Mr. Brown.

The Rev. Father Murray, Redemptorist Father, of Waratah, is conducting a week's mission services in the Roman Catholic Church, Burrawang. The services are being well attended.

The Rev. E. Stanley Wilkinson, rector of St. Simon and St. Jude's Church of England, Bowral, has been granted six months' leave of absence, and intends taking a trip to Japan.

BULLI, Thursday.

The Karaweera loaded 1000 tons of coal at Bulli jetty to-day.

Local choirs are diligently practising for the Wollongong Eisteddfod, to be held on Queen's Birthday.

An interesting debate between St. Augustine's and the Wesleyan societies took place last night, the former being adjudged the winners.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

A deputation from the local Chamber of Commerce waited upon Mr Cann, M.L.A., at the Town Hall this afternoon, and pointed out the disadvantages under which the business people of Broken Hill laboured from absconding debtors. Owing to the proximity of the South Australian border, it was said, nearly every debtor who left the town went into another colony, and the law of New South Wales could not deal with him. Under the circumstances it was desirable that an amended Act be passed providing for detention of persons in debt to an amount over £5. Mr. Cann said he would look up the Absconding Debtors Acts of other colonies, and see what would be the best line to pursue. He would then bring the request of the deputation before the Government on his return to Sydney.

There was a rather meagre attendance last night at the Town Hall, when the first distribution of prizes to successful students at the Technical College took place. The Mayor presided, and on the platform were Dr. Dunne (Bishop of Wilcannia), Mr. Rutter (resident science master of the college), Messrs. Cann and Ferguson, Ms.L.A. Mr. Rutter said work had been carried on under difficulties during the year. At the opening ceremony of the present building the then Minister for Education, Mr. Garrard, said they had a building with accommodation for six students. The first enrolment was 180, and that was sustained throughout three sessions. At present the enrolment was between 180 and 190. The results of the first year's examinations proved indisputably that the students had talent. He was sure there was a great future in store for the institution, and he was glad to see every prospect of soon having a school erected worthy of the place. Dr. Dunne said although the subjects taught were limited the results achieved were better than those obtained from long-established schools in New South Wales. He hoped the members for the district would continue to stir up the Government until a decent building worthy of the place was erected, if possible, before the summer heat set in. Bursaries might be given by the mining proprietors, by the miners' association, by friendly societies, and perhaps by private individuals. Mr. Cann, M.L.A., said he met Mr. Perry (Minister for Public Instruction) just before he left Sydney, and asked him how the Broken Hill Technical College matter stood. He was told £10,000 had been allotted for the new building, that plans were almost ready, and there would be no delay. He believed since he had arrived at Broken Hill the plans had been forwarded.

A consignment of cheese said to have been rat-eaten during the voyage from New Zealand to Melbourne arrived at Broken Hill on Saturday. The attention of the local authorities having been called to the matter, the sanitary inspector allowed the cheese to be sold for consumption on condition that the rat-eaten portions were first destroyed.

CASSILIS, Thursday.

Last night 200 bullocks, the property of the Aberdeen Company, were paddocked, and this morning 31 were found dead. It is supposed the animals died from eating thistles.

DAPTO, Thursday.

The annual tea meeting in connection with the Church of England was held in the Agricultural Hall last night. There was a good attendance. The Rev. J. Stack, incumbent of the parish, presided at a public meeting, and speeches were delivered by the Rev. H. W. Taylor (Sydney) and the Rev. D'Arcy Irvine (Wollongong). The Dapto Choral Society assisted.

FORBES, Thursday.

Mr. J. B. Reymond, M.L.A., addressed a large meeting of his constituents at the Town Hall last night. The chair was taken by the Mayor. Mr. Reymond briefly referred to the work of the Government, and fully endorsed its action throughout. He was given an enthusiastic hearing.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

Mr. Charles Rogers, in an interview to-day with the Minister with regard to the half-holiday, was informed that pending rearrangement no alteration would be made respecting the Saturday half-holiday.

GUNNING, Thursday.

The following application was made at the lands office this week:—Mary Jones, of Crookwell, conditional purchase, 40 acres, parish of Crookwell.

LISMORE, Thursday.

At the quarterly meeting of delegates of the North Coast Agricultural Societies' Association yesterday it was decided to take immediate steps for the establishment of a district dairy herd book. It was resolved to draft regulations for shows with a view to uniformity throughout the North Coast.

LITHGOW, Thursday.

A complimentary banquet was tendered to Alderman Spooner last night prior to his departure to England, and was very successful. There was a large and representative attendance. During the proceedings a handsome travelling bag was presented to Mrs. Spooner and an illuminated address to Alderman Spooner. The presentation was suitably acknowledged. Alderman Spooner left to-day, and a large crowd gathered at Eskbank station to bid him farewell.

A new organ has been placed in St. John's Church, Wallerawang, by the parishioners. The dedication service was conducted by the Rev. Hector M'Lean, rural dean, assisted by the Rev. A. R. M'Lean, rector of Wallerawang.

MOLONG, Thursday.

The following applications have been lodged at the Molong Lands Office to-day:—Conditional purchase, 40 acres; conditional lease, 80 acres; parish Terrara—George Edward Shrimpton.

MORUYA, Thursday.

The balance-sheet of the Moruya Agricultural Society shows that the overdraft of last year was reduced from £161 to £76 this year. After the Government subsidy is received it is anticipated that the society will have a credit balance.

A new sawmill has been erected in the town by Mr. Jennings to meet the increased demand for timber both locally and for the Sydney market.

MURRURUNDI, Thursday.

Alderman W. Jerome, an old resident of Quirindi, died in the hospital here last night. The funeral took place to-day at Quirindi.

NARRABRI, Thursday.

The juvenile ball yesterday in aid of the hospital was attended by upwards of 100 children.

A stockowner intends, failing a substantial fall of rain this month, to remove 10,000 sheep to the New England district.

The Mungindi Railway League has decided to invite the Public Works Committee to visit Mungindi on their return from Collarendabri to discuss the question of the proposed Moree-Mungindi railway.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

The Rural Deanery of Tamworth met at Tamworth on Tuesday last. The Rural Dean (the Ven. Archdeacon Lewis) presided. There was a good attendance of clerical and lay members of the Chapter. After an able address and welcome from the Rural Dean, papers on Christian and social questions were read and discussed. Important resolutions were carried and forwarded to the Bishop. The meeting was beneficial and stimulating.

WALGETT, Thursday.

The skeleton found at Yowendah is believed to have been that of an aboriginal. The blacks had a camp there 30 years ago.

The Progress Association passed a resolution disapproving of the Walgett Farmers and Settlers' Association in appointing a valuator after having agreed to take united action in opposing the exchange of certain lands in the district.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

The Wesleyan century commemoration fair was opened in the Town Hall this afternoon by Mr. John Gillies, M.L.A., in the presence of a large attendance. Mrs. Fegan, wife of Mr. J. L. Fegan (Minister for Mines and Agriculture), was present.

Mrs. W. H. Smith, president of the Maitland Benevolent Society, fell from some steps at the rear of her residence yesterday, and received a fracture of the left leg at the hip.

WOLLONGONG, Thursday.

Last month upwards of 31,000 tons of coal, coke, and other material passed through Wollongong Railway Station to Port Kembla. The trade to that port is increasing rapidly.

NERANG-TWEED RAILWAY.

LISMORE, Thursday.

The Queensland Minister for Railways, accompanied by the Minister for Education and Messrs. Stephens and Plunkett, members of Parliament, arrived by special train at 2 o'clock to-day, and were received by the Mayor. Their mission is in connection with the Nerang-Tweed railway. They speak favourably of the prospects of the early erection of the proposed line. This afternoon they visited the Government farm, and to-morrow go to Casino, on Saturday to Ballina, and back to Bangalow to catch a special train to reach Murwillumbah on Saturday afternoon.

Hospital Saturday in and around Sydney. Two pages of amusing and interesting snapshots in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

PITT-STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

THE SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION.

THE CENTURY THANKSGIVING FUND.

The ceremonies in connection with the anniversary of the Pitt-street Congregational Church commenced yesterday evening with what was termed a "reunion of Pitt-street past and present," which took the form of a monster tea meeting held in the basement of the Town Hall. There were no fewer than 54 tables prepared by the ladies of the congregation, and it was stated that upwards of 800 persons sat down to the meal. It is needless to say that the room was decorated tastefully, for a strong committee, of which Mrs. Henry Pratt was the hon. treasurer, and Mr. W. Robert Goulding hon. secretary, had been organised and worked steadily at all the preparations for several weeks, as it was desired to do full justice to the occasion, not only because it was the anniversary of the church, but because it gave the members of the congregation an opportunity of welcoming in a befitting manner their old pastor, the Rev. James Jefferis, LL.D., who is now on a visit to Sydney.

After tea the ladies and gentlemen who were present repaired to the church, where it had been arranged that the public meeting should be held. Here again the taste and skill of the members of the committee were in evidence. The pulpit and the communion table were almost hidden with gracefully contrived bouquets composed of chrysanthemums and roses, mingled with ferns and grasses. Prior to the opening of the meeting Miss Lilan Frost, the organist of the church, went through a short programme, which included pieces by Wagner, Mendelssohn, Sullivan, and other well-known composers. The chair was taken by Mr. Josiah Mullens, and there were present with him in the spacious pulpit the Revs. Dr. Jefferis, Dr. Roseby, the Revs. E. T. Dunstan, A. J. Griffith, M.A., F. Binns, W. Moore, J. Buchan, M.A., Robert Day, H. Robjohns, N. J. Cocks, M.A., W. Hawkins, and William Morley (of Rockhampton). The proceedings were commenced with the singing of the hymn "The God of Abraham praise," after which the Rev. William Morley offered prayer.

Mr. Josiah Mullens, as chairman, in the name of the congregation, warmly welcomed Dr. Jefferis, and reminded those present that this occasion was their last annual gathering for the present century. He congratulated the church upon having such a magnificent meeting, and rejoiced with their pastor, who saw so many of his friends and people around him on such an occasion. He rejoiced himself because it was indication of the life of the Church and the light that was burning within it. It was indicative of wholesome growth, and wholesome fruit was to be looked for from it. As an outsider he could see the light that was burning within the Church branches at Camperdown, the Glebe, and Greenwich, and he rejoiced to see that the Lord was manifestly with them. He trusted His blessing would be with the Church in the coming century, and that in the ages to come they would still continue to do His work. (Applause.)

The choir, under the conductorship of Mr. W. T. Colyer, sang the chorus from "The Creation," "The Heavens are telling," the solo, "In splendour bright," being taken by Mr. B. Polglase.

Mr. T. L. Jones, acting secretary, said at the annual business meeting of the church the deacons reported that there had been marked progress in every department. Almost every month the church had the joy of receiving accessions to its roll of membership. Its effective number now was almost 370. That, however, was scarcely proportionate to the congregation which regularly gathered in the building. Whilst the church authorities did not actively seek new members, and would prefer rather that others would seek to join the church, they could assure any who were on the borderland of decision in the matter that if they offered themselves they would have a hearty welcome. (Hear, hear.) The past year had witnessed increased activity, particularly in missionary centres. The centre in Sussex-street had increased in efficiency, and had an increased number of workers connected with it, when the lamentable visitation of plague came upon the city and caused a temporary suspension of operations. The generous efforts of the ladies connected with the church had set the committee free of financial anxiety on the matter. They now awaited a favourable opportunity to renew the Sussex-street missionary work. The branch at Camperdown was prosperous, the building being invariably crowded. The church had two new children, one at Greenwich, where there was a good congregation, and the other at Castle Hill, which was in its infancy, and of which the church was hopeful. He was glad to report that increased interest was being shown in foreign missions. The receipts from the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Home Mission Fund were this year more than double what they were last year. The receipts of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the London Missionary Society also showed an increase. There was an increase in the attendances at the Sunday school and in the teaching staff. The senior Bible classes continued to do good work. The other church societies maintained their vigour, and the choir was more efficient to-day than ever it had been. In conclusion he wished to recognise the value of the "Watchman."

Mr. H. Pratt (treasurer) said the most pleasing feature in connection with the church's finances was the steady growth in the weekly offerings. In 1897 they amounted to £899, in 1898 to £933, and last year they jumped at one bound to £1105. (Hear, hear.) That result had not been brought about by any pressure or by begging appeals, but simply through a more hearty response and sympathetic method of giving through the weekly envelopes and through the more overflowing congregations which had attended the church on Sunday evenings throughout most of the year. In January, 1897, the treasurer asked for the very large collection throughout the year of £17 6s per week, and got it and one farthing over. In January, 1898, he asked for £18 per week, and got £18 1s. Last year he asked for £20 per week, and got actually £20 17s 2d. This year he asked for £21 per week, and he expected to get it. Last year the church received for all purposes £2285, or nearly £300 more than was raised three years ago. The increased buoyancy of the collections had relieved the committee of any monetary anxiety. The extinction of the debt of £1550 ought not to cause any trouble; but there was more than that to do. There were sister churches to assist.

The Rev. E. T. Dunstan said he had to thank everyone who had helped to make the work of the church successful during the past year, and he especially thanked everybody who had helped to make the anniversary successful. He wanted to emphasise what the secretary had said as to the welcome which would be given to new members. If there was one outstanding thing in his own work during the past year it was, he thought, a growing catholicity and broadening of his mind. He was commencing to see more and more how much of goodness there was amongst those who, perhaps, did not pronounce the "shibboleth" of his particular Church. He trusted the Church would be known in the future as in the past for its splendid catholicity. (Hear, hear.) They hoped the Pitt-street Congregational Church would always be looked upon as it was in Dr. Jefferis's time, as a spiritual home for all the weary souls who wanted help or rest. (Applause.) He concluded by heartily thanking his congregation for the cordial and loyal support they had always given him during his pastorate. (Hear, hear.)

The Doxology was then sung.

Dr. Jefferis, who, rising to address the meeting, was received with the utmost enthusiasm, said if anything could have given him more pleasure than to be present at that splendid meeting it was to see his old friend, Mr. Josiah Mullens, in the chair, for he had learned to look upon him for many years as a representative Christian citizen with catholic sympathies that projected very much beyond the limits of the church to which he belonged. (Applause.) The soul that remained within the limits of the sect to which it might happen to belong was certainly shorn of one of the noblest and best features of the Christian life. (Applause.) It was impossible for him to look round upon the congregation gathered within that great church without the scene reviving in his mind pleasant memories of the past. He was now getting to be an old man, and his work upon the public stage of life was well nigh ended—only recently an Adelaide reporter had described him as "the venerable Dr. Jefferis." (Laughter.) Looking back upon the history of his connection with that church there were many things that rose before him to tell him that age was advancing, and that the times were advancing. That church had had a splendid record. When in England he never wearied of telling the people there about the occasion when Dr. Ross called the people together on Wednesday night and told them they ought to do more in the way of home mission work, and that they could not do it without funds. His hearers all knew the story—how the people gave £20,000 that night. (Applause.) The Congregationalists of Pitt-street had probably not done anything in a financial way to equal that since, but he was satisfied the generous spirit of the church had not died out, and he could assure his friend, Mr. Dunstan that during the 13 years he was minister of Pitt-street he never had a bit of trouble about finances. (Laughter, and Hear, hear.) He remembered when they decorated and renovated the church they did it all out of their ordinary income. (Applause.) He remembered, as would the chairman, that not long after he (Dr. Jefferis) entered upon his pastorate they in this city were in the thick of a somewhat stern contest about denominational education, and the Congregationalists of Pitt-street took their part in fighting that battle. Thus was delivered our noble Public school system from that which would have impoverished and perhaps well nigh destroyed it. Not very long after that there was another matter in which the Church and he, as its pastor, played a part. There was a great estate in this colony, consisting of about 500,000 acres of the best land, valued in Parliament at £2,500,000, which at that time lay to the credit of four of the leading denominations of the colony after Parliament had deliberately said, by statute, that there should be no help afforded from the public purse to the support of any religious denomination whatever. The Church helped in fighting against that anomaly, and gained the victory. That immense estate was passed over by Act of Parliament to the cause of education, and there it remained to this day. (Hear, hear.) Then he remembered there was another matter. It would be seen he was not dealing with the Pitt-street church so much as with general Christian affairs in which the Pitt-street church played a part. There were two or three huge institutions, one holding more than a 1000 little children, who were then being brought up in barrack life instead of sharing in home life. They were children of the State. There was commenced an agitation—he was glad to think that the beginning of it was in the Pitt-street church—against the barrack system and in favour of home life being given to the little ones. A self-constituted committee of ladies was formed, namely, Lady Windeyer, Mrs. Garran, and Mrs. Jefferis. They went to the Government and stormed it. They brought the Government to submission, and the evil thing was put away. (Hear, hear.) After that the children of the State were put in homes where they could be brought up under all manner of ordinary influences. When the jubilee of the church, which was the jubilee of Australian Congregationalism, was celebrated, in response to invitation, there came here from all the colonies the representatives of the Congregational Church in those colonies. Holy conference was held for more than a week. The inspiration which was given at the meetings then held resulted, first of all, in the Congregational churches of this colony contributing £40,000. Then the Congregational churches of Victoria, stimulated by their example, gave £40,000, and the other churches at least £20,000 more. So, as the consequence of our jubilee gatherings, £100,000 was offered to the Lord Christ for distinctively religious work. The meeting would hardly wonder, he was sure that thoughts of that kind had been crowded a little on his mind as he sat listening to the most favourable report which had been read, and there was another memory which he could not but share in very deeply. He remembered the class of congregations that then filled the Pitt-street church. For months at a time congregations attended which he had never seen equalled in the old country, even in Dr. Dale's church in Birmingham or in Dr. Parker's church in London, for the Pitt-street church held more than the City Temple by several hundreds. There were congregations then in the Pitt-street church such as he was happy to think the church was getting now, which could not but have an influence on the deeper thought and higher life of the people of the colony. If time had permitted, he would have liked to have spoken about the federation of our churches, which as a confederation did not take the place in the community of Australia to which they were entitled by their principles. His profound conviction was that it was largely so because they still continued as a series of isolated religious republics without that organic union which would bind them together and make them a grand unity in the grander commonwealth of Christ. (Hear, hear.) His time had more than gone, and now he could only say what an immense pleasure it was to him to know that the pastorate of the Pitt-street Church was filled by such a pastor as now filled it. The Rev. E. T. Dunstan was a man of rare ability to see the signs of the times and to interpret the movements of the body politic, and to speak out in the clearness of Christian consciousness and with the earnestness of the Christian hope about those grave matters that concerned the conduct of the everyday life of men. He prayed that the loyalty which the congregation had ever been accustomed to show to its ministers in the past would be continued to the Rev. Mr. Dunstan, strengthening him in the noble work which the congregation was helping him to do. He also prayed God that this mother of churches, the Pitt-street Church, might long continue to be a blessed impulse to all the scattered fellowships of the Congregational order throughout the whole of Australia. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. B. Polglase sang "The Pilgrim" (Adams).

Dr. Roseby was heartily received. He said it always gave him pleasure to renew old memories, which to his mind were revived by meetings in the old Pitt-street Church, for he was an "old Pitt-street boy," and he was especially pleased to have the opportunity of showing sympathy with his friend and neighbour Mr. Dunstan—for after all that gentleman lived in his parish, and if Mr. Dunstan could be regarded as bishop of Pitt-street, surely he (the speaker) was entitled to rank as archbishop. (Laughter and applause.) However, the specific topic he was called upon to refer to was the century thanksgiving fund. He did not propose to go into the details of the matter, but there were one or two points that emphasised the value of the effort now being made throughout the religious world at the turn of the century. One thing they desired to accentuate was the value of the Church itself and of Christian institutions. They saw the danger, which was almost daily more and more impressing itself upon their minds, of the public life of Australia becoming lowered by neglect of the great principles that lie at the foundation of the christian faith. (Hear, hear.) It was a distressing thing to notice that there were men in the public life of Australia who were no credit to it, yet who bulked very largely in the matter of the influence they exerted. Even gross and flagrant drunkenness did not disentitle a man to become a legislator in Australia. Even disgusting profanity was not dissociated with some of the institutions of our public life. Offences that were almost criminal in their character were condoned, and the persons who committed them could continue to occupy high public positions. (Hear, hear.) And what had they—the Churches—to oppose to all this? Nothing but the Christian Gospel. Naturally they might expect to receive some help, and they did to a certain extent, from the secular press; but the help given was not all they had a right to expect, for he was ashamed to say that some of the things he had spoken of were not noticed, and yet he held that it fell to the work of the secular journalist to maintain at a high level the public life of Australia. (Loud applause.) Certainly they could expect no help from the places that were the sources of these evils—the public-houses, gambling saloons, and racecourses. (Hear, hear.) These evils were by no means imaginary. It was a burning and a real peril, and to do the work that lay to their hands the Christian people should stand together. They should know what they wanted and forcefully make their opinions felt throughout the public life of Australia. (Applause.) Therefore they should put all their energies into the Century Thanksgiving Movement. (Loud applause.)

The Chairman announced that the Rev. George Campbell, who had been expected to deliver an address, was unfortunately too ill to attend.

Mr. W. E. Hawkins spoke in regard to the necessity of co-operating to make the proposed Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund a success. He said helpers had gone a mile on the right way; could they not go a second mile, pay off the debts of the Congregational churches, and endeavour to extend the borders of Congregationalism? It was felt the appeal would be very successful. (Hear, hear.)

Professor S. H. Barraclough, on behalf of the deacons, returned thanks to the three score ladies who had provided the good things at the tea, to the committee who had charge of the general arrangements in connection with the anniversary (especially to the secretary, Mr. W. Robert Goulding), to the choir and the leader and organist, to the many friends who had lent things to be used at the tea, to the speakers at the evening meeting, more particularly to the Rev. Dr. Jefferis, to whom the deacons felt specially indebted, and to the chairman.

After the singing of Beethoven's "Hallelujah Chorus" the benediction was pronounced, and the meeting terminated.

DISEASE AMONGST SHEEP.

Mr. J. D. Stewart, Government Veterinary Surgeon, has submitted an interim report on a peculiar disease occurring among sheep in the Narrabri district. During the course of the report he states that from the clinical aspect and post-mortem appearances it differs from any of the diseases hitherto reported as having affected sheep in this colony, such as anthrax, black-leg, liver-rot, &c. The disease does not appear to have any serious deleterious effect on the mutton of the sheep that have recently recovered. A definite diagnosis cannot be arrived at until the investigation is carried further, and with a view of ascertaining whether this disease is caused by micro-organisms, cover-glass preparations were made of fluids for bacteriological examination. As marshmallow forms the principal food of the affected sheep, arrangements have been made for Mr. Guthrie, analytical chemist to the department, to chemically examine this plant to ascertain whether it is deficient of some of the ingredients of food essential for the building up of healthy tissue. This herb is known to contain an alkaloid, but it has not yet been ascertained whether this alkaloid is of a toxic nature.

WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE.

Yesterday the president of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage (Mr. Jacob Garrard), accompanied by Mr. J. G. Griffin, member, and Mr. T. Roseby, assessor, visited Newcastle, and attended at the offices of the local Water Board. Mr. Garrard explained that they were preparing some fresh legislation under which to work, but before submitting same to Parliament desired to ascertain some particulars in connection with the Acts in force there. The secretary readily placed at the disposal of the visitors all the information available, and a long interview ensued, at the conclusion of which Mr. Garrard stated that the particulars obtained would be of considerable use to them in framing their proposed future legislation. The president of the local board (Mr. Walsh) apologised for his absence, as he was unavoidably engaged elsewhere in making an official inspection with the Engineer-in-Chief for Public Works.

THE BANKERS' INSTITUTE.

The first of a course of four lectures on "The Principles of Law Relating to Personal Property" was delivered last night in the rooms of the Bankers' Institute, Equitable-buildings, by Mr. F. A. A. Russell, barrister-at-law. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. Reid, secretary of the A.J.S. Bank. The lecture was rather an explanation of the law as laid down in "Williams's Principles of the Law of Personal Property" than a set lecture, and was intended primarily for the instruction of those who intend entering for the examination of the institute. It dealt with the principles of law governing many of the transactions in which bankers have an everyday interest—the most important points in these were outlined, and the law of the Wool and Stock Mortgages Act, and the points wherein the colonial enactment differs from the Imperial law were pointed out. The lecturer also announced that he would deal with other sections of his subject at succeeding lectures.

EXPLOSION AT THE GUNNEDAH COLLIERY.

SEVERAL MEN INJURED.

GUNNEDAH, Thursday.

Much excitement was caused in Gunnedah this morning when a report was received from the Gunnedah colliery stating that the mine was on fire, and that several men had been injured by an explosion. From an interview with Mr. Watson, the manager, who was amongst those injured, it was ascertained that at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon everything at the mine was all right; but this morning a fire was found to be raging fiercely in the upcast, and soon afterwards an explosion took place, through the accumulation of hydrocarbon gas. All hands were sent to work to try to stop all vents in order to stifle the fire. While they were at work a second and terrific explosion took place in the main tunnel. The blast struck Mr. Watson full in the face. He was knocked down, and several tons of stone were hurled past him. Others of the men who were injured were—Maybury, Pickering, Sheehan, Rowland, Lee, Blakely, and Lord. Dr. Lee went out and attended to the injured men. Maybury, Pickering and Lee are the most seriously injured, and it is doubtful whether the first-named will recover.

The sufferers have been brought into town to the hospital. The mouth of the mine has been closed, and will remain so until the Chief Inspector of Coal Mines, who has been wired to, arrives to-morrow. The excitement in town has increased, and the deepest sympathy is evinced with the families and relatives of the sufferers.

BATHURST DIOCESAN SYNOD.

BATHURST, Thursday.

The report regarding the century endowment fund was discussed. It was pointed out that a miscalculation had been made, and that £2500 would have to be collected instead of £1500, as stated last year, in order to claim the £500 promised by the S.P.C.K. The report was adopted. It was decided to obtain legal advice as to the validity of the Cathedral canon of 1882, as a discussion had taken place as to its legality.

The session closed with the customary votes of thanks.

The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Bathurst Diocesan Society was held at the conclusion of the sitting of the synod. The Bishop presided. The report stated the position of the society to be satisfactory, especially considering the great depression that had been experienced in the diocese. The balance-sheet showed the receipts for the year to have been £1063, and expenditure in helping parishes, &c., £791, leaving a balance of £272. The officers were elected.

AMUSEMENTS.

THEATRICAL "LAST NIGHTS."

Changes are imminent at three of the playhouses of the city. At Her Majesty's Theatre Miss Nance O'Neil makes her last appearance to-night as Elizabeth, Queen of England; Mr. Robert Brough this evening gives the final performance of Jones's brilliant comedy, "The Liars," at the Theatre Royal; and at the Criterion Mr. Alfred Dampier stages "Robbery Under Arms" for the last time.

KERRIBREE TENNIS CONCERT.

There was a satisfactory attendance at the Y.M.C.A. Hall last night, when Mr. Frank E. Down directed a concert in aid of the Kerribree Lawn Tennis Club. The programme was conspicuous for the number of performers contributing to it, the great majority of whom were present or former pupils of Mr. Down. The exceptions were Mr. Ernest Truman, who played brilliantly Lefebure-Wely's "Offertoire in G," for organ, a piece which, considering its sacred associations, is surprisingly vivacious; and Mr. Harry Leston, whose spirited declamation of "The Charge of the Light Brigade" caused enthusiasm, resulting in the addition of "Nothing to Do." Miss Maud Dalrymple, whose assured professional position now places her in the artist category, gracefully came forward to assist with "The Angel Game" (Cowen). Miss Julia Davies, who is also becoming known upon the platform, employed her tuneful voice pleasingly in "Sing, Sweet Bird." Amongst the many young people who assisted, a special success was made by Miss Farey, a young contralto of remarkable promise. Miss Farey has a pure contralto voice of excellent quality, as well as a clear enunciation, facts which accounted for the warmth of the encore for "I Awake and Dream" (Blumenthal). The added number, Elmblad's "God Be With You," is trying for a young singer, inasmuch as the melody falls too frequently on the inevitable "break" between the registers, and in this number Miss Farey was heard to less advantage. Mr. Lyall Johnson, a well-known amateur tenor, proved in unusually full voice in "Let me like a Soldier Fall," the encore to which was "Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes;" and Miss Flo. Aarons, Miss Forsythe, Miss Maerker, Miss Rita Ohlsen Bagge, Mr. Alfred Mitchell, and Mr. Emil Sussmilch also assisted. Mr. Frank Down accompanied the soloists.

WAROGRAPH ENTERTAINMENT.

A concert and warograph entertainment was given at the Town Hall last night. The concert programme was successfully formed with the assistance of Miss Julia Davies, Miss Lily Percival, Messrs. Nicholas Gehde (organist), Arthur Pacie, Dave M'Clure, and Harry Wilkie. Mr. J. B. Fitts then exhibited warograph pictures, both new and old, some of which, such as the Lancers crossing the Modder River, delighted the audience. There will be another entertainment at the Town Hall on Saturday.

ENTERTAINMENT AT BALMAIN.

An entertainment was held in the Balmain Town Hall on Wednesday night in aid of Mrs. Travers, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Robertson, whose relatives were killed in the recent disaster at the Balmain coal mine, whereby five workmen lost their lives. The concert was organised by Miss E. M. E. Kent, assisted by the colliery employees. The hall was crowded, a number being unable to gain admission. Mr. J. L. C. Rae (colliery manager) presided. The programme was contributed to by Misses E. and G. Blake, E. and G. Spry, B. Kent, V. Wallis, B. Dodd, Tessie Johnson, Messrs. Pettirew, Phil. Kyley, Whaley, T. Kent, and Master G. Wallis. A pretty gavotte was effectively given by Misses Douglas, Kent (2), Dodd (2), Blake (2), Wallis, De Saxe, Spry (3), Vipond, Petersen, Carter, Dodd, and Hodson. Mr. E. Cathels acted as hon. secretary to the movement.

I.O.O.F. SMOKE CONCERT.

A smoking concert was held at the Lodgeroom of the Pymble I.O.O.F. on May 3, when Grandmaster Bro. Fitzpatrick presided. There was a large attendance, and a pleasant social evening was spent.

DUBBO SHOW.

DUBBO, Thursday.

Further show awards are as follows:—

Pony, 14 hands and under: A. Cowell's Rattler, 1; A. Cowell's Radical, 2. Pony hunters: W. Mack, 1; H. S. Porter, 2. Special water-jump: E. A. Fletcher. Lady's Hunter: J. M'Intosh's Musician, 1; W. Finn's Loch Marie, 2. High-jump: J. M'Intosh, 5ft. 4½in., 1; G. Lindsay's Marano, 2. Pony, 13 hands and not exceeding 14: H. S. Porter. Pony, 12 hands and under 13: A. Cowell's Rattler. Boy rider: W. Leslie. Pony, under 14 hands: J. Rutherford, junior.

The sheepdog trial was held this morning: W. V. Robertson's Tweed, 1; Maiden Brothers' Needle, 2.

A pleasant evening was spent by the employees of Messrs. M'Carron, Stewart, and Co. on Friday last at the Angel Hotel, the occasion being a presentation to Messrs. E. J. Franklin and J. Enemark. Mr. G. S. Henry occupied the chair. Mr. William Gibbs made the presentations, which took the form of a handsome silverplated cruet to Mr. Franklin and a neat breastpin to Mr. Enemark.

CARTER'S CATASTROPHE.

Mr. E. Cummings, who has been connected with Messrs. Heafrey and Co., Aerated Water Manufacturers, of 13 Castlereagh-street, Sydney, as a driver and collector for many years, has given a reporter particulars of the results brought about by an interesting though unfortunate experience.

"We drivers in large cities," said he, "have long rounds and are exposed to all sorts of weather. If we get wet through we cannot change our clothes until we finish. As a result of a wetting 3 years ago I contracted rheumatic fever, and I had to give up work. A sharp pain first came in my big toe, that apparently being the weakest spot. Then it extended to my feet and ankles, and two days later I could not raise myself in bed. My wife had to put her arm around me and hold me up while she fed me. My feet and ankles swelled greatly, and the pains were excessive round my heart, in the legs, and in the left side. It was agony for me to move, and I could not let my feet touch the floor. My doctor paid me every attention, but without permanent benefit. Sciatica and lumbago came on, so that I had a continuous gnawing ache in my thighs and legs and in the muscles of my loins. I then decided to use Dr. Williams' pink pills. The third dose benefited me, and shortly afterwards the pain lessened a little; four boxes cured me. After my recovery I told the doctor that Dr. Williams' pink pills had cured me. His reply was that he had heard of several cases in which they had been efficacious. My cure is permanent, for I have had no return of my ailment."

The last remark is very characteristic of the result obtained by the use of Dr. Williams' pink pills; they do not produce a temporary result like ordinary medicine, which acts merely on the symptoms and effects of disease. Dr. Williams' pink pills remove the cause of disease, and thus give permanent cures in many different disorders. Amongst the ailments they have cured are chronic insomnia, neuralgia, dyspepsia, anaemia, effects of influenza, heart palpitation, consumption, general debility, ailments of ladies, and all skin and blood disorders. Dr. Williams' pink pills are sold by the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Queen's-place, Sydney, and by all chemists and storekeepers, two and nine per box, six boxes fifteen and three—But mind you ask for Dr. Williams'. Mr. Cummings resides at 128 Campbell-street, Surry Hills.—Advt.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—May 10.

Oonah, s., 1767 tons, Captain J. Gibb, from Hobart. Passengers—Misses Butler, Clerk, St. Clair, Cleeve (2), L. A. Cooper, Iverson, Knight. Mesdames Parry nurse and child, Suman maid and 2 children, E. Brown, A. N. Palfreyman, Crow, A. G. Thomson, Trewecke and child, Commander Parry, R.N., Messrs. Harris (2), Greenwood, P. Suman, Kirkpatrick, Packer, Doolan, Harrison, Palfreyman (2), Collins, F. de V. Lamb, W. Thraves, and 29 in the steerage. David Mills, agent.

Chingtu, s. (China Navigation Company's line), 2269 tons, Captain Williams, from Japan and China ports, Hongkong April 12, via Manila April 16. Passengers—Mrs. Munro, Mrs. Perry and child, Lord Henry Thynne and valet, Colonel L. M. Johnson, Captain H. Craig, Mr. E. O. Robinson, Mr. Munro, Mr. C. Arthur Munro, Messrs. T. S. Reeves, J. M. Gray, J. G. Rowley, G. Blackall, G. S. Rattray, G. W. Juncsch, J. Mactain, E. Williams, Armstrong. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Allowrie, s., 504 tons, Captain G. Walker, from Eden, via ports. Passengers: Mrs. Brooks, Misses Bland and Brooks, Messrs. Kear, Hurley, D. Williams, Maxwell, Rev. Forbes, Te You, Munn. Illawarra S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Electra, s., 395 tons, Captain W. B. Nelson, from Richmond River, May 8. Passengers—Mrs. Kelly, Misses Hanley, Rohan, Dawson, Olive, E. Olive, and Myles, Master Robinson, Messrs. J. Manatten, A. Barrie, W. Hanlon, J. S. Robinson, J. McCready, J. Whitelaw, A. Johnson, A. O'Connor, and 1 in the steerage. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Silver Cloud, brigantine, 292 tons, Captain Heays, from Kaipara. Kauri Timber Company, agents.

Tuskar, ship, 1628 tons, Captain de Gregori, from Table Bay. Australian Kerosene and Oil Company, agents.

Nemoi, s., 1414 tons, Captain Skinner, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, agents.

Anna Ramien, barque, 1742 tons, Captain Koopman, from Melbourne. Gilchrist, Watt, and Co., and John Sanderson and Co., agents.

Illawarra, s., 522 tons, Captain Garde, from South Coast. Illawarra S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Coomonderry, s., 146 tons, Captain Canty, from South Coast. J. Aubin, agent.

Kincumber, s., 100 tons, Captain Callaghan, from Camden Haven. George de Fraine, agent.

Tomki, s., 590 tons, Captain L. Paulsen, from Richmond River, via Clarence May 10. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

DEPARTURES.—May 10.

Cahnmoney, barque, for London.
Star of England, s., for London, via Auckland.
Peter Iredale, four-masted barque, for Valparaiso, via Newcastle.
Willyama, s., for Fremantle, via Newcastle.
Mokoia, s., for Newcastle.
Andan s., for Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—May 11.

Nineveh, s., for Capetown and London, via ports; Paroo, s., for Western Australia, via ports; Moresby, s., for New Guinea and New Britain, via Thursday Island; Coomonderry, s., for Moruya and Wagonga; Illawarra S. N. Company's steamers for Wollongong, Kiama, Shoalhaven, Clyde River, Nelligen, Bateman's Bay, and Ulladulla; Newcastle, s., for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—May 10.

Star of England, s., 3086 tons, Captain Ulyatt, for London, via Auckland. Passenger—Mr. H. J. Willsden.

Peter Iredale, four-masted barque, 1994 tons, Captain Lawrence, for Valparaiso, via Newcastle, in ballast.

Willyama, s., 2705 tons, Captain P. Barry, for Fremantle, via Newcastle, with part original cargo.

Mokoia, s., 3540 tons, Captain W. C. Sinclair, for Newcastle.

COASTERS OUTWARD.—May 10.

Premier, ketch, Captain J. W. Johnson, for Port Macquarie; Toowoomba, schooner, Captain J. Rattray, for Cape Hawke; Fanny Fisher, barque, Captain F. Fisher, for Newcastle; Maggie Riley, ketch, Captain W. Riley, for Brisbane Water; Marion, ketch, Captain T. Brooks, for Jervis Bay.

IMPORTS.—May 10.

Teresa, barque, from Marseilles: 30 bottles quicksilver, 15 cases felt hats, 36 cases straw hats, 174 casks peel in brine, 1 case oil of lemon, 124 cases brushware, 58 bales fortinata, 81 cases porcelain goods, 2 bales tweeds, 7 cases furniture, 17 cases glassware, 73 cases 143 cases glue, 552 casks sulphur, 35 casks plaster of paris, 7 cases stationery, 100 kegs borax, 248 cases brooms, 1686 cases tiles, 2 cases bedsteads, 2111 marble blocks, 49 bales millet straw, 32 cases chairs, 15 cases whip handles, 1 case books, 7 cases tinned fish, 20 cases tinned vegetables, 6 cases tinned meats, 248 cases marble works, 2739 slate slabs, 10 cases wine, 1 case woodveneering, 27 cases pumice stone, 4 cases whalebones, 27 cases olive oil, 3 cases paste, 5 cases electrical lamps, 13,075 burnt tiles, 27 680 roofing tiles, 3000 roofing ridges.

Chinteu, s., from Japan, Hongkong, Manila, via ports: 58 packages fire crackers, 425 packages China oil, 1 package silk cloth, 6 packages pith, 5 packages hats, 31 cases opium, 300 packages rice, and a large quantity of curios, silk goods, cigars, and general merchandise. Optional cargo: 9000 bags sugar and ground.

Oonah, s., from Hobart: 13,365 cases 2706 half-cases 20 bags fruit, 162 cases pulp, 174 cases jam, 110 cases evaporated apples, 30 bags semolina, 18 bales hops, 49 bales skins, 1,720 pieces timber, 2 1 gs, quantity sundries, and 1 box gold (£8700).

Electra, s., from Richmond River: 711 bags maize, 12 bags seed, 11 bags bones, 8 bales skins, 9 bales millet, 20 cases eggs, 6 cases honey, 2 casks tallow, 2 coops poultry, 46 hides, 292 boxes butter, 8800ft. sawn cedar, 14,357ft. boxwood, 47 pigs, and sundries.

Tomki, s., from Richmond River: 2350 bags maize, 4 bales skins, 10 cases eggs, 3 casks tallow, 50 hides, 20 hogsheads molasses, 18 logs pine, 6 logs cedar, 9 pieces girders, and 200 sleepers.

Allowrie, s., from Eden, via ports: 971 cheese, 709 cases butter, 896 bags bark, 100 bags gun tz, 40 bags cattle food, 32 bags maizena, 2 horses, 55 pigs, and sundries.

Silver Cloud, barquentine, from Kaipara: 258,875ft. timber.

May 11.

Ellerie, s., from Liverpool, via ports: 9033 cases 36 casks 80 quarter-casks whisky, 187 cases 137 hogsheads and 25 casks ale, 15 quarter-casks spirits, 100 cases limejuice cordial, 1318 tubes, 675 boxes tinplates, 800 cases soap, 24 packages machinery, 6382 bars and bundles iron, 11 packages paper, 254 steel plates, 483 packages hardware, 84 packages druggists' goods, 4 packages stoves, 5 packages earthenware, 20 coils rope, 10 kegs bicarb. soda, 25 packages wire, 423 steel billets, 80 bundles hoops, 338 rails, 148 packages drapery, 40 packages cottons, 5 bales saddlecloth, 17 packages stationery, 6 bales cordage, 22 rolls brattice cloth, 19 packages paint, 16 casks and 8 cases printing ink, 45 packages nails, 9 cases granite, 3 coils wire rope, 10 cases cyanide, 6 cases varnish, 10 kegs boracic acid, 25,000 firebricks, 8 cases hams, 860 packages merchandise and sundries; also, 7498 packages general cargo for Brisbane.

Tolosa, s., from New York: 30 cases axles, 22 packages agricultural implements, 31 anvils, 48 cases axes, 40 bags asbestos, 62 packages agricultural machinery, 20 boxes bottles, 4 crates blowing machinery, 14 cases bran crackers, 5 cases books, 253 cases chair stuff, 141 cases cigarettes, 11 cases chairs, 86 boxes clocks, 22 packages carriage parts, 8 cases candy, 6 boxes crayons, 115 packages carriage wood ware, 74 packages carriage woodstock, 100 cases c. oil, 20 barrels c. oil, 6 cases cabinet organs, 3 cases drilling machinery, 4 rolls duck, 51 cases drugs, 4 cases dressed leather, 15 cases emery wheels, 6 cases empty primers, 4 cases envelopes, 3 cases enamel, 20 boxes empty bottles, 3 bundles fence wire, 7 cases glassware, 26 barrels globes, 7 cases guns, 5 cases gins, 40 cases hardware, 23 cases heaters and fittings, 2 cases handles, 2 packages hardware, 8 packages ink mill, 28 barrels lubricating oil, 27 hogsheads tobacco leaf, 65 packages lamp goods, 15 packages linseed oil, 9 cases lanterns, 13 cases lamp goods, 3 cases manufactured leather, 13 cases medicine, 11 cases machinery, 80 cases manufactured tobacco, 3 cases metallic cartridges, 3 hogsheads machine parts, 29 kegs nails, 97 cases organs, 5 packages oilcloth, 50 rolls printing paper, 36 cases playing cards, 8 packages phonographic supplies, 12 boxes photographic supplies, 8 cases printed matter, 48 cases plug tobacco, 30 cases painkiller, 12 boxes pills, 53 cases paper shot gun and loaded cartridges, 51 cases pumping machinery, 7 cases pumping engines and parts, 154 rolls paper, 5 barrels potash, 20 barrels paper bags, 24 cases registers, 162 cases sewing machines and parts, 40 kegs staples, 7 cases separators, 6 boxes seeds, 70 cases smoking tobacco, 104 cases shoes, 17 boxes spice, 35 cases soap, 108 cases silicate, 57 cases sowing machines, 5 cases stamp goods, 18 cases shoe leather, 5 cases saddlery, 6 packages tackle blocks, 10 cases toilet paper, 22 boxes valves, 24 cases woodenware, 10 crates wheels, 4 boxes waggons, 75 bundles washboards, 4 cases wheels and chaises, and sundries.

EXPORTS.—May 10.

Star of England, s., for London, via Auckland: 5106 bars lead, and part original cargo.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

BRISBANE.—Arrival: May 10, Lady Norman, s., from Bundaberg; Barcoo, s., from Townsville; Innamincka, s., from Sydney; Wodonga, s., from Melbourne. Departures: May 10, Lady Musgrave, s., for Lihou Reef for salvage operations at the Queen Cristina; Ben Cruachan, ship, for Townsville.

GLADSTONE.—Arrival: May 10, Julia Percy, s., from Brisbane. Departure: May 10, Julia Percy, s., for Rockhampton.

MARYBOROUGH.—Arrivals: May 10, Eurimbla, s., from Sydney; Queensland, s., from Rockhampton.

ROCKHAMPTON.—Departure: May 10, Konoowarra, s., for Sydney.

KEPPEL BAY.—Arrival: May 9, Leura, s., from Sydney.

TOWNSVILLE.—Arrival: May 9, Barrabool, s., from Newcastle. Departure: May 10, Arawatta, s., for Cooktown.

COOKTOWN.—Departure: May 10, Yawata Maru, s., for Sydney.

THURSDAY ISLAND.—Arrival: May 10, Changsha, s., from Sydney. Departure: May 10, Australian, s., for Hongkong.

YAMBA.—Arrival: May 10, Oakland, from Sydney. The Augusta, s., and one like the Peregrine, s., went south; a steamer like the Burwah, north.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: May 10, Maelgwyn, barque, from Girgenti; Casma, barque, from Natal; Kompia Van de Lek, Dutch barque, from Pekalongan; North Riding, ship, from Table Bay; Duchmont, ship, from Capetown; Newcastle, s., Wollumbin, s., South Australian, s., Lubra, s., Willyama, s., Beagle, s., Andania, s., Tamar, s., Duckenfield, s., May Byrnes, Hannah Nicholson, schooners, from Sydney. Departures: May 10, Port Denison, s., for Sandgate; Prink, with 5086 tons coal; 11 horses; Hotchkiss, s., for Lyttelton, with 2300 tons coal; Timaru, s., Alice, s., South Australian, s., Lubra, s., Tamar, s., Newcastle, s., Beagle, s., Sophia Ann, s., for Sydney; Wollumbin, s., for the Tweed River.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: May 10, Moonta, s., at 8.5 a.m.; Age, s., at 2.40 p.m.; Galgorm Castle, barque, at 2.50 p.m., bound to Newcastle, north; Era, s., at 2.40 p.m., west.

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: May 10, Penguin, s., from Devonport; Brisbane, s., from Kaipara; Warrigal, s., from London. Departures: May 10, Fifeshire, s., Tolosa, s., and Tyrian, s., for Sydney; Romulus, s., for Newcastle; Kawatiri, s., for Strahan; Queen Mary, for South Africa.

ADELAIDE.—Arrivals: May 10, Arcadia, R.M.S., Wollowra, s., Gera, s., and Violet, ketch, from Melbourne. Departure: May 10, Arcadia, R.M.S., for London.

FREMANTLE.—Departure: May 9, Marloo, s., for the East.

(FROM THE BOARD AT THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE.)

TWEED HEADS.—Passed: May 10, a two-masted steamer at 7 a.m., north.

RICHMOND RIVER.—May 10, 11ft. on bar, 12ft. inside channel.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Arrival: May 10, Oakland, s., at 6.10 a.m., from Newcastle. Passed: Peregrine, s., at 2 p.m., south; Augusta, s., at 9.10 a.m., south.

WOOLGOOLGA.—Arrival: May 10, Excelsior, s., at 1.30 p.m., from Sydney. Departure: Excelsior, s., at 6 p.m., for Byron Bay.

MACLEAY HEADS.—Arrival: May 10, Candidate at 4.40 p.m. Departures: May 10, Wyoming, s., at 6 a.m., for Sydney; Euroka, s., at 2 p.m., for Bellinger River; Burrawong, s., at 4.15 p.m., for Sydney.

BELLINGER HEADS.—Arrival: May 10, Euroka at 5.40 p.m. Australia, schooner, barbound.

SMOKY CAPE.—Passed: May 10, Burwah, s., at 6 a.m., north.

NAMBUCCA.—Arrival: May 10, Eliza Allen at 5 p.m., from Sydney.

CRAWLING POINT.—Passed: May 10, Wyoming, s., at 2.5 p.m., south; City of Grafton, s., at 3.40 p.m., north.

CAPE HAWKE.—Arrivals: May 9, Aleda, schooner, at 6 p.m. May 10, Mary Laurie, ketch, at 7 a.m.; Shannon, schooner, Empress of India, schooner, Alfred Fleming, ketch, and Premier, ketch, at anchor in Kingsley, s., and Swansea, s., barbound; Willinga anchored at 4.30 p.m., and Shannon at 4.35 p.m. The Swansea sailed at 5 p.m., Kingsley at 5.30 p.m.

SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: May 10, Trilby, s., at 10.30 a.m., north; Port Denison, s., at 12.40 p.m., north; Kallatina at 2.30 p.m., Harport at 2.45 p.m., south.

PORT STEPHENS.—May 10, Cynthia, ketch, Selma, ketch, and Forest Queen, ketch, at anchor in Nelson's Bay. Passed: Kallatina at 5.30 p.m., Harport at 5.30 p.m., south.

LAKE MACQUARIE.—Arrival: May 9, Betsy, ketch, during night, from Sydney.

WOLLONGONG.—Arrivals: May 10, Herga, s., at noon, from Sydney; Illawarra at noon, from Kiama. Departures: Kelloe, s., at 4 p.m., for Sydney; Herga at 6.40 p.m., for Sydney.

BARRANJOEY.—Departure: May 10, Hawkesbury at 6.30 p.m., for Sydney.

PORT KEMBLA.—Arrival: May 10, Palmerston, s., at 2 p.m., from Sydney. Departure: May 10, Mount Kembla at 5 p.m., for Sydney.

KIAMA.—Arrival: May 10, Resolute at 5 p.m., from Sydney.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS.—Arrival: May 10, Antleum, dredge, at 11.15 a.m., from Sydney. Departures: Illawarra, s., at 7 a.m., for Sydney; Coomonderry, s., at 11.30 a.m., for Sydney.

ULLADULLA.—Departure: May 10, Peterborough at 4.30 p.m., for Sydney.

BATEMAN'S BAY.—Departure: May 10, Peterborough, s., at 10.15 a.m., for Sydney.

BERMAGUI.—Arrival: May 10, Bega, s., at 3.40 p.m., from Sydney. Departure: Bega, s., at 4.50 p.m., for Tathra.

GREEN CAPE.—Passed: May 10, Federal, s., at 7.45 a.m., north; Moonta, s., at 10.25 a.m., north; Umbalia, s., at 9.50 a.m., north; Age at 4.25 p.m., north; a barque at 4.45 p.m., north.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: May 10, Galgorm Castle, barque, at 2.20 p.m., north; Age, s., at 2.40 p.m., north; Era, s., at 3.50 p.m., west.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Passed inwards: May 10, Despatch, s., at 3 a.m., Ellingamite, s., at 4.40 p.m. Passed outwards: Tolosa, s., at 6.55 a.m., Ellerie, s., at 9.25 a.m., a ship at 2.50 p.m., R.M.S. Orizaba at 6.25 p.m.

STANLEY (TAS.).—Arrival: May 10, Easby, s., from Melbourne. Departures: Eliza Davies, ketch, and Lulu, ketch, at 11 a.m., for Melbourne.

HOBART.—Arrival: May 20, Tambo at 6.20 p.m., from Sydney.

BURNIE.—Arrival: May 10, Easby at 7.30 a.m., from Melbourne, via Stanley.

DEVONPORT WEST.—Arrival: May 10, Easby at 1.40 p.m., from Melbourne.

PORT PIRIE (S.A.).—Arrival: May 10, Ouraka, s., from Newcastle.

SEMAPHORE.—Departure: May 10, R.M.S. Arcadia at 2.10 p.m., for Albany.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

AUCKLAND, Thursday.

Departures: Fernfield, barque, for Durban, with a cargo of oats; Pendle Hill, barquentine, from Napier, for Sydney.

(For Continuation of Shipping Intelligence see Page 6.)

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

Observatory, Thursday.

Average annual rainfall for 41 years, 49·080.
Average for 12 years, January 1 to April 30, 19·503.
Rainfall from January 1 to May 10, 15·261.
Temperature.—Max., 61·9; min., 48·8.
Humidity.—9 a.m., 74; 3 p.m., 58.

STATE OF BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 30·04; Geraldton, 30·04; Esperance Bay, 30·13; Eucla, 30·36; Streaky Bay, 30·35; Adelaide, 30·36; Robe, 30·33; Portland, 30·29; Melbourne, 30·28; Wilson's Promontory, 30·23; Gabo Island, 30·15; Cape St. George, 30·20; Sydney, 30·24; Newcastle, 30·22; Port Macquarie, 30·22; Clarence Heads, 30·10; Brisbane, 30·11; Rockhampton, 30·07; Mackay, 30·08; Cooktown, 30·03.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Fine, clear, and cold inland, scattered clouds along the coast.
Queensland.—Cloudy on the coast, fine and clear inland.
Northern Australia.—Unsettled generally.
New Zealand.—Showery at Wellington, fine and clear elsewhere.
New Caledonia.—Fine and clear at Gomen.
Western Australia.—Fine and clear throughout.
South Australia.—Fine but cloudy, and cold generally.
Victoria and Straits.—Cloudy and showery on the coast, fine inland.
Tasmania.—Cloudy to showery in the south, fine in the north.

RAINFALL IN 24 HOURS PRECEDING 9 A.M.

New South Wales. Araluen 5 points, Bundalla 8, Bateman's Bay 25, Bungendore 8, Bowral 27, Braidwood 18, Cooma 18, Eden 1, Goulburn 2, Katoomba 5, Kiandra 22, Kiama 10, Jervis Bay 25, Manning Heads 1, Moruya 30, Moss Vale 27, Mount Victoria 11, Newcastle 10, Port Stephens 25, Rockley 3, Sydney 5, Seal Rocks 36, Taralga 3, Uralla 8, Woodenbong 3.

Victoria.—Cape Otway 1 point, Lakes Entrance 10, Melbourne 1, Portland 3, Wilson's Promontory 2.

RIVER REPORTS AT 9 A.M.

Albury, 2ft. 2in.; Balranald, 8ft. 3in., falling; Bingara, 1ft.; Bogabilla, low; Bourke, 6ft. 5in., falling; Bourke, 10ft. above and 6ft. below weir; Brewarrina, 2ft. 8in., falling; Deniliquin, 4ft. 9in.; Euabalong, 5ft. 7in., rising; Euston, 12ft. 3in.; Goodooga, low; Gundagai, 3ft. 6in.; Hay, 3ft. 8in., falling; Hillston, 5ft. 10in., falling; Louth 6ft. 6in., falling; Menindie, 6ft. 4in.; Mogil Mogil, low; Moulamein, 4ft. 11in.; Mungindi, 3ft. 2in., falling; Pooncarie, 4ft. 5in.; Tilpa, 7ft. 10in., falling; Tocumwal, 5ft. 8in.; Wagga Wagga, 3ft. 11in.; Wentworth, 6ft. 6in.; Wilcannia, 11ft. 3in.; Yetman, low; Barwon River, at Walgett, 5ft. 8in., falling; Namoi River, at Walgett, 2ft. 11in., stationary; Goondiwindi, low.

WEATHER REPORTS.

At 9 a.m. it was raining at Ballina, Port Stephens, and Green Cape. It was showery on the Victorian coast.

At 3 p.m. it was showery at Ballina, with S. wind and moderate sea. Gabo Island, fresh W.S.W., sea moderate; Kiama, fresh S.W., sea moderate; Manning Heads, fresh S., sea heavy; Newcastle, fresh S., sea moderate; South Head, light S., sea moderate; Tweed Heads, fresh S.S.E., sea moderate.

TEMPERATURES.

Minimum records, Wednesday night: Cooma 28 degrees, Kiandra 20, Nimitybelle 20, Orange 26, Rockley 30.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 3 P.M.

Tweed Heads, S.S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Byron Bay, S., light, showery, sea smooth; Ballina, S., cloudy, sea moderate; Clarence Heads, S., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, S.E., light, showery, sea moderate; Bellinger Heads, S.E., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Nambucca Heads, S.E., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Macleay Heads, S.S.E., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Port Macquarie, S., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Manning Heads, S.W., light, fine, sea rough; Seal Rocks S., fresh, fine, sea rough; Port Stephens, S., light, fine, sea moderate; Newcastle, calm, fine, sea slight; Lake Macquarie Heads, N.W., light, fine, sea moderate; Catherine Hill Bay, N.W., light, fine, sea moderate; Barrenjoey, E., light, fine, sea smooth; South Head, calm, fine, sea slight; Wollongong, S.W., light, fine, sea smooth; Kiama, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, E.N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, calm, fine, sea smooth; Ulladulla, calm, fine, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, calm, fine, sea moderate; Moruya, N., light, fine, sea smooth; Eden, S.W., light, fine, sea slight; Green Cape, S.W., fresh, cloudy, misty, sea rough; Gabo Island, S.W., fresh, cloudy, misty, sea rough.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Fine, cold weather generally, frosts inland; cloudy along northern border districts, and some thunder possible there; southerly winds.—H. C. Russell.

South Australia.—Frosty on the highlands; still generally cloudy and cold, but mostly fine; seas smooth; winds light, and chiefly between S. and E.—C. Todd.

Victoria.—Generally cloudy and cold and near the coast showery, but fine inland; W. to S. winds, fresh on the coast.—P. Baracchi.

Western Australia.—Fine weather, with easterly winds and cold nights, especially inland.—W. E. Cooke.

FORECASTS BY MR. WRAGGE.

New South Wales.—Except occasional showers along the coast, with snow over the Alps, generally fine and frosty. Nasty south westerly squalls S. from Sydney, with areas of rough sea. Shipping advised. Heavy weather S.E. from Gabo Island towards New Zealand under "Stator."

Western Australia.—More rain in the N. under fresh north-easters. Mostly fine in S. and central parts; soon becoming squally, with rain in S.W. and about S. coast under disturbance "Antedia," with rising seas.

Northern Territory and Central Australia.—Although mostly fine in north, conditions favourable for cloud and showers in Central Australia and near the Queensland border. Fresh south-easters.

South Australia.—Except for occasional showers along the coast, mostly fair and cloudy. Thereafter comes "Antedia," heralded by northerlies. Sea moderate.

Queensland.—Occasional capricious showers and electric disturbance, chiefly in the centre and S.W., but fair to cloudy generally. Winds variable; south-easterlies in far W.; westerly to southerly tendency near Brisbane. Sea moderate.

Victoria and Tasmania.—Mostly fine and frosty in Victoria. Showers and nasty south-westerly squalls in Bass Straits and over Tasmania. Areas of rough sea, and snow over the mountains. Local fogs.

New Zealand.—Squally and wet under "Stator." Shipping warned. North-westerlies to south-westerlies.

New Caledonia.—Fine and cloudy. South-easters to north-easters.

Note.—Very nasty weather off the Bluff.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR MAY 11.

Sun rises at 6.37, sets at 5.6; Moon, 3.2 p.m., 7.59 a.m.; Mercury, 5.0 a.m., 4.15 p.m.; Venus, 10.19 a.m., 7.47 p.m.; Mars, 4.38 a.m., 3.54 p.m.; Jupiter, 6.3 p.m., 8.11 a.m.; Saturn, 7.52 p.m., 10.10 a.m.
New Moon, April 29; full moon, May 15.
High water at Fort Denison, 6.2 a.m., 6.23 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30* and 7 p.m.
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Queensland.—Overland, 4.45 p.m.
†Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Kalgoorlie, 5.30 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Warestea, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Lauriston.—Kincumber, 10 a.m.
Melbourne.—R.M.S. Ortona, 10 a.m.
Brisbane.—Tyrian, 10 a.m.
Nambucca River.—Nambucca, noon.
British New Guinea and New Britain, via Newcastle.—Moresby, 5 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kallatina, 6.30 p.m.
Macleay, Nambucca, and Bellinger Rivers.—Burrawong, 9 p.m.

MONDAY.

Eden.—Bega, 10 a.m.
Launceston and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Coogee, 5.30 p.m.
Dunedin, &c., N.Z., and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Zealandia, 7 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Warestea, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Manning River.—Coraki, 9 a.m.
Hobart and Launceston.—Oonah, 10 a.m.
Samoa and Fiji.—Manapouri, 10 a.m.
Wellington, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Mokoia, 5 p.m.
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R.M.S. Ortona (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 4.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—R.M.S. Ortona, 5.30 p.m.
Natal and Capetown, via Melbourne.—Nineveh, 5.30 p.m.
Byron Bay, Coff's Harbour, and Woolgoolga.—Excelsior, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.

Eden.—Allowrie, 10 a.m.
Auckland, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Mararoa, 3 p.m.
Devonport West, Burnie, and Stanley, Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Penguin, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY.

Hobart.—Tambo, 10 a.m.
Launceston, via Eden.—Wakatipu, 10 a.m.
Capetown, via Melbourne.—Afric, 5.30 p.m.
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The Sydney Morning Herald.

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 1900.

Reuter's agency states it is believed that the Boers who left Smaldeel are retiring from the Zand River to the Vaal River. Other reports state they are concentrating at Boschrand.

During a reconnaissance made by Major-General Hutton to the Zand River the New Zealanders posted themselves on a kopje overlooking the river. The New South Welshmen and Canadians held a kopje in the rear. 10,000 Boers on the north side of the river, who were preparing to retire, returned and shelled the British. Many Boers crossed a dry bed of the river southwards, circled to the right, shelled the Western Australians, and threatened the retreat of the New Zealanders. The New South Welshmen moved forward, gallantly held the enemy in check in the face of a galling fire, and covered the retreat of the New Zealanders. The enemy retired at night having destroyed the railway bridges and culverts.

The "Chronicle" states that Generals French and Hutton crossed the river and cautiously pursued the enemy.

Commandant Botha, with 10 guns, is fronting General Hamilton.

The European Powers have warned the Transvaal that if the Rand mines are destroyed Great Britain will be requested to exact personal compensation, beginning with the Presidents and officials.

Many Free Staters are surrendering their horses and mausers.

Lord Salisbury speaking at a Primrose League celebration said the blunder which led to the death of General Gordon had been avenged, whilst the greater humiliation of Majuba Hill was about to be erased under the direction of Field-Marshal Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener. They were restoring to South Africa the only chance of peace.

The international situation as regarded the Governments, Lord Salisbury added, was peaceful, their careful and calm neutrality contrasting with the intense prejudices and unscrupulous hatred of some noisy sections.

At the Paris municipal elections nine seats were won by extreme opponents of the French Government.

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker, minister of the City Temple, London, has been appointed Chairman elect of the Congregational Union of England and Wales.

Bubonic plague is reported to be declining throughout India.

The "St. James's Gazette," of London, expresses the hope that, whatever the result may be regarding the negotiations concerning the Commonwealth Bill, neither side will "mount the high horse in dudgeon."

Mr. Chamberlain, the "Gazette" states, is doing his best to ascertain Australian opinion, and the question is more directly before the public of Australia than it was at the time of the referendum.

The "Gazette" also remarks that, although Mr. Barton thought it reprehensible that Mr. Dickson, the Queensland representative, should have altered his opinion, it was likely that many Australians had done the same, and the popular judgment of the people of Australia was not what it was a year ago.

In response to an appeal from Mr. C. C. Kingston, the federal delegate of South Australia in London, Sir John Downer has cabled to him, stating that no authority has been given to anyone to alter the Commonwealth Bill, and if the bill is amended it must be by the referendum of the people.

The Victorian, Tasmanian, and South Australian apples shipped by the steamers India and Salamis arrived in an indifferent condition, being overripe and apparently heated.

A few good parcels sold at maintained prices. Munro's favourites realised 16s to 18s per case. Colonial grapes were also in inferior condition on arrival, and realised 2s to 8s.

The second reading of the Commonwealth Bill, to be introduced in the House of Commons on Monday next, has been fixed for May 21.

A fire broke out and an explosion occurred at the Gunnedah colliery, Gunnedah, yesterday. The manager, Mr. Watson, and several miners were injured. One of the men is reported to be in a critical condition.

At a meeting of the general purposes committee of the City Council yesterday, consideration of the scheme submitted by the Town Clerk, Mr. Anderson, for the reorganisation of the corporation service, was resumed. It was decided to submit the recommendations to the whole council for final consideration.

A large quantity of jewellery, suspected to have been stolen, was discovered in a Chinaman's house on Wednesday, by Detectives Roche, Jones, Fullerton, and Brown. A description of the jewellery is given in another column.

Amongst the articles was a gold watch valued at £30. This has been identified by the owner, who states that it was stolen from him on the day of the departure of the Imperial Bushmen's Contingent from Sydney.

At a meeting of the Cabinet yesterday Mr. Cornelius Delohery, S.M., was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Public Service Board caused by the resignation of Mr. T. A. Coghlan.

The sixty-seventh anniversary commemoration in connection with the Pitt-street Congregational Church was celebrated last night by a "reunion of Pitt-street past and present." A tea meeting was held in the basement of the Town Hall, at which about 800 persons were present.

A public meeting was afterwards held in the Pitt-street Church. Mr. Josiah Mullens presided. The pastor of the church (the Rev. E. Tremayne Dunstan), the Rev. Dr. Jefferies (a former pastor), and other gentlemen delivered addresses.

Zingara Allard, an old woman, living alone in a cottage at Albury Flat, Albury, was found by a neighbour on Wednesday night lying dead in front of a fire. Nearly all her clothing was burned, and the woman's body was much charred.

The Archbishop of Sydney (Dr. Saumarez Smith) delivered a lecture to members of the University Christian Union last night on the subject of "The Word Sleep as applied to Death in the Scriptures." Mr. E. N. Merrington, B.A., presided.

A horse and van collided with a tramcar returning from Brighton races to the Rockdale station on Saywell's tramline yesterday. Several passengers who were standing on the footboard of the tram were injured.

Three cases of bubonic plague were reported to the Board of Health yesterday. The patients were Alice Carroll, 16, of Paddington; Henry Sarina, 17, of Balmain; and Mrs. J. Mitchell, 56, of the city.

The Board of Health yesterday decided to release 13 patients from the Quarantine Hospital. There were yesterday 94 patients in the hospital, and 143 contacts at the Quarantine Station.

The total quantity of soil and refuse raised by the dredges in Darling Harbour up to May 6, in connection with the cleansing operations, was 31,904 tons. Five hundred and seventy-five rats were brought in for destruction yesterday.

Reports from Townsville, Queensland, state that 154,000 sheep have already been carried from the western districts to pasture land, and that 400,000 more have been booked for removal from the drought-stricken districts.

A successful demonstration was held at the Exhibition Building, Melbourne, on Wednesday night, with the object of inaugurating a Twentieth Century Fund of 50 000 guineas in connection with the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

It was announced that, out of 129 circuits and home mission stations under the Victorian and Tasmanian Conference, 32 had sent in reports in which they undertook to raise in the aggregate 31,710 guineas, during the next two years.

Further details in connection with the wreck of the Sierra Nevada, off the Victorian coast, are published in another column. The dead body of Captain Scott, the master of the vessel, was washed ashore yesterday. The dead body of a sailor has also been recovered.

Owing to the services rendered by a detachment of artillerymen from Portsea Barracks several thousand pounds worth of cargo from the wrecked vessel was recovered from the surf yesterday and placed out of reach of the waves.

A moderate amount of business was transacted in investment stocks on the Stock and Share market yesterday, and quotations were generally well maintained.

Business in the import market yesterday was somewhat quiet, and prices were in most instances without quotable change.

In the Mining market yesterday about the same extent of business was transacted as on the previous day. Among Western Australian gold stocks a further heavy fall occurred in Associated Gold Mines. Silver stocks were generally quiet, and gold dredging companies were buoyant.

The output of the Golden Horseshoe, Kalgoorlie, for the month of April amounted to 8011oz. of gold.

On March 27, by a vote of 16 to 4, the City Council carried a report from its committee recommending the acceptance of a tender for the erection of destructors and the cleansing of the city by contract. There was an addendum from Alderman Hughes stipulating for payment of current wages and the proper carrying out of the contract otherwise. On May 2 Alderman Watkins asked what had become of the matter, and it was ascertained that the specifications of the proposed contract were in the office of the City Solicitor for counsel's opinion. Thereupon a motion was carried for returning the draft to the works committee. That is all the progress which the City Council has made in six weeks' time, and under circumstances of public anxiety and urgent need of action to deal with the garbage of the city. It is inexcusable to find in a body representing in a special manner the property owners and citizens of this metropolis such dilatoriness. As we have already shown, the Council has slept upon the question of how to handle the city waste until every English municipality is ahead of us. Year after year the evidence has been accumulating in the hands of aldermen that there was one successful method of disposing of garbage, a method adopted and retained in numbers of English cities and towns, a method approved by sanitary and medical experts, and tested by experience—the destruction of all garbage by fire in specially built furnaces. And at last, acting tardily upon reports dating back to 1896, when Mr. Richards went home expressly to learn what he could of the treatment of city refuse, the council, as we say, decided on March 27 to install this process of burning here in place of the "tips" condemned by every sanitary authority. Now, well on in May, what do we find? The Moore Park "tip" is once more in full operation. The contract for the new destructors for Sydney is not yet signed, or apparently likely to be signed. The other day our representative rendered an account of what is going on at Moore Park. The old "tip," which has been long in use, is in course of being covered up with sand to a depth of two feet—a satisfactory measure if there was not near by another "tip" steadily receiving in the old fashion the garbage of the corporation carts. Admitted that the Government system of punting the refuse out to sea had broken down, admitted that a destructor is not built in a month, that after all the alarm and all the agitation of the past four months the city is still dependent, and likely to be dependent, on a "tip" for the reception of its garbage, is nothing less than an indictment of the council for not worthily regarding the health of citizens and the repute of the city.

While the city is doing nothing towards improvement, but leaving garbage half the night in the streets for ragpickers to scatter abroad, until the scavengers collect it in open carts and take it across the length and breadth of the city and dump it down on the surface of a public park, we observe a gratifying interest and movement in the suburbs. Some of the suburban councils have arranged for incinerating. Thus North Sydney has the Pinhoe process at work, which it is proposed to introduce to the metropolis; and in Lewisham there is the Southgate destructor. The Annandale Council has sent out a circular inviting other councils to get the Government to build destructors, but this idea has not been favoured. The other day several of the western municipalities agreed to combine for the purpose of providing a destructor. The same course is being strongly urged upon groups of other suburban bodies. They find that the public is up in arms against the perpetuation of the "tip" system. Prosecutions are becoming numerous for casting rubbish in each other's precincts, which is the essence of the "tip" nuisance. Formerly, when settlement was not so thick around the city or sanitation so much thought of as now, it was easy to secure from some owner of lowlying land the right of depositing street sweepings and all the collectanea of populous places upon his property. Now all that is changed. Suburban residents do not submit to the neighbourhood of these plague spots. The councils have to go farther and farther to cast their rubbish, and it is likely that, whether they act on sanitary reasons or from necessity, they will soon bestir themselves either separately or in combination to secure the burning of their garbage. It is right to point out that as connection with the sewerage system is enforced the councils will be relieved from one of the most troublesome of their sanitary departments even though they lose a revenue which helps the whole service.

The Government stepped in several weeks ago and made a beginning of punting the city garbage to sea. But that was only a temporary relief, until some better plan should come in force. Before the punting began its evils were pointed out, for we had experience of that kind of thing many years ago in dealing with abattoir refuse. A short trial of punting served to justify fears. Residents in Woolloomooloo and elsewhere objected to the procession of carts on the way to the punts; residents of the seaside municipalities objected to the stuff washed up by the tide and left upon their foreshores. Then the punt service suddenly broke down, and as the foundations of the destructors were not even thought of the City Council had to fall back upon its "tips." And now the destructors for Sydney seem farther off than before. No amount of local pressure will induce the Government to undertake the municipal duty of abating nuisances. If that idea is anywhere entertained, or the hope that by delay and apathy the Government may be driven to do the street cleansing and destroy the garbage of the town, it had better be abandoned forthwith. When the suburbs see their responsibility and promptly act upon it, the City Council cannot without dereliction of its duty drift into the old channels by which we have come to the present humiliating and mischievous position.

Everyone must commend the public spirit of those suburban councils which, foreseeing that the "tip" system will soon be universally reprobated, have undertaken heavy responsibilities in order speedily to burn the garbage. No other course of action will now have public approval. To scatter all kinds of deleterious material on the surface of the soil, where winds and rains, besides human agencies, will make it tenfold more dangerous and offensive, or to transport it out to sea, are crude methods abandoned by modern sanitary science. Burning is the only speedy and efficacious way, the only real economy because it is at once harmless and thorough, leaving no legacy of disease for future mischief, and in a few hours ridding us of many sources of pollution. As we wrote when discussing the proposal before the City Council in March last, it is no concern of ours whether the method adopted be of local or of British origin. The only concern is to have the "tips" abolished once for all, whether in the city or suburbs, to have incineration of all refuse in the most effective and most available process, to have the streets kept clean from the unsavoury refuse now littered about them by night (and this the City Council by its action yesterday should secure), and to help citizens in their desire to secure cleanliness and health.

A certain amount of mystery appears to surround the later stages of the negotiation between the Eastern Extension Company and the Postmasters-General of this colony and Victoria respecting the Cape cable arrangements. Mr. Crick and Mr. Watt arrived at a mutual agreement last Thursday, but it now appears that Mr. Warren, on behalf of the company, is not in accord with them on certain points respecting which it was assumed that such agreement existed. There is consequently a hitch in the acceptance of the Cape cable scheme by these two colonies, the immediate result of which is that while three colonies will enjoy the advantages of the reduced rate from the first of the present month the two others will have to do without them. That is to say, Western Australia, South Australia, and Tasmania, which have signed acceptance of the company's terms, have their cable rates now substantially reduced, and will in all probability have them still further decreased from the first of January next, while New South Wales and Victoria must go on paying the old rate. The reasons for foregoing these advantages have need to be strong to justify the delay in coming to terms. The public is informed that Mr. Crick and Mr. Watt agreed to concede to the company the privilege of collecting and distributing its own cables in and from its own offices when the proposed Pacific cable is laid, and in the meantime they were prepared to guarantee, on behalf of their respective Governments, that no other cable company should secure an earlier right to these terminal facilities. This, it has been understood, was the main point for which the company stood out, arguing that by acquiring that privilege it would only enjoy the same rights that it possessed in the United Kingdom and elsewhere. From a report of an interview with Mr. Warren which has appeared in the Adelaide press it would appear that he objects strongly to the limitation implied in the words "owned or partly owned by an Australasian Government" used in reference to competing cables in this connection. Clause 16 of the agreement which the other three colonies have signed omits any condition of the kind. Reverting to the agreement arrived at by the Postmasters-General, we find them prepared to concede to the company the right to reduce its rates for temporary competitive purposes, and afterwards to return to the sliding scale adjusted on the terms we have before commented on in these columns. Clause 9 of the agreement with the other three colonies expressly stipulates for this privilege, and while we gather from the Adelaide interview that Mr. Crick and Mr. Watt thought the agreement not clear enough on the point, Mr. Warren replied that a letter fully defining the meaning of the clause had been sent by the Company to each of the colonies which have already signed the Cape cable agreement. There is another point concerning income and municipal taxes about which there is also a difference of opinion. The Company claims exemption on a twenty years' precedent, and argues that as the Cape-Glenelg line is to be laid without cost to the colonies either by way of subsidy or guarantee the concession is a reasonable one. But the two Postmasters-General in conference do not appear to have seen the matter in exactly the same light. The utmost they see their way to agree to in the shape of concession is to allow that whatever sums the Eastern Extension Company will pay in the form of income and municipal taxes may be deducted from the total receipts on which the gradual reduction in the cable rates is to be calculated. There remains the question of eventual purchase of the Company's rights. The Postmasters-General require a clause in the agreement giving the Imperial or any colonial Government interested the power to purchase them under certain conditions. Mr. Warren does not think that such a provision could now be inserted in what he calls the "solemn covenant" which three of the colonies have signed already. Both they and the Company have, in his opinion, a claim to consider such a proposition, which might be set forth in a supplementary agreement. It will have been noticed that the two Ministers in conference suggested the reading of their proposed purchase clause in conjunction with the arbitration clause, but Mr. Warren contends that this has been cancelled. Here, then, we have the position as between the E. E. Company and the Postmasters-General of New South Wales and Victoria. The Company has tactfully forced the situation somewhat by securing the consent of three of the colonies, and it has the approaching expiry of its present compact in reserve.

It has been announced that before anything is decided regarding the questions in dispute the respective Parliaments of the two colonies will have to deal with the agreements. It will be some weeks before that can be done in either colony, and we learn that in Victoria the mercantile community expresses surprise at the delay in accepting the Company's terms. But the fact is that these colonies are pledged to the Pacific cable scheme, and there is a strong suspicion in the minds of those who have that project at heart that the Cape-Glenelg cable will interfere with the prospects of the other enterprise. The report of the Pacific Cable Board which Mr. Watt has received, and of which our Melbourne correspondent telegraphed a brief summary, clearly sets this forth. It is contended that the inducements in the shape of patronage which the Pacific scheme expected will be seriously cut into by the Cape line. It also suggests that with the competition this cable would introduce the company would never realise its policy of decrease in rates down to 2s 6d per word. Then the argument is put forward that though we may lose at first as compared with Adelaide on the arrangement which South Australia has adopted, the intended Pacific reduction to 2s and 3s per word would soon equalise that. There is an idea prevalent among members of the Board that the new Cape opposition has a tendency to endanger the Pacific scheme, and Mr. Chamberlain seems inclined to favour that view. It would hardly be a piece of judicious policy on the part of the E. E. Company to insist too rigidly on making the utmost of any temporary advantage it may deem itself to hold, and so further increasing existing differences of opinion. So far as the Australian colonies, and especially the eastern ones, are concerned, we may repeat at this juncture that we have a use for both cables.

The outline of the siege and relief of Ladysmith that was supplied in the first instance by our cablegrams is now being filled in by the complete accounts that we publish in the letters of our war correspondent, Mr. Macdonald. This week the tragic story is rounded off with the description of the dramatic entry into the beleaguered town of the relieving force under Lord Dundonald, and we are able to realise to the full the privations so stoutly endured by Sir George White and his men. The war in South Africa has afforded many examples of dashing valour; but it has been distinguished by nothing finer than the quiet, brave endurance of the besieged British troops in Ladysmith. At the outset the situation was not such as to cause serious alarm, for it was thought that an interval of a few weeks at the most would see the approach of General Buller's victorious force. But in this case, as in many others, the strength of the Boer army was grievously underrated, and instead of a triumphal march on the part of the British the humiliating spectacle was witnessed of continual checks and even retreats. Time after time those imprisoned in Ladysmith fancied themselves on the eve of succour; but on each occasion their hopes were dashed to the ground. As the weeks crept by and the investing foes drew closer in and redoubled their persistent bombardment, the condition of the defenders became more and more alarming. Of the life underground in bomb-proof shelters, the growing scarcity of food, and the terrible attacks of fever, our correspondent has given a graphic description. In the face of all these hardships, however, the courage of the garrison never faltered, as the Boers found to their cost on those occasions when they advanced to attack the town. Relief, tardy though it was, came at last; but the picture of the pale faces and shrunken forms of those who feebly cheered their rescuers is one that will not soon be forgotten. Ladysmith was held against the Boers at terrible cost; but this incident in the war in South Africa is one to send a thrill of admiration through the British nation, and it will figure as one of the army's most heroic deeds.

There was a disposition soon after the war began to credit the worst of the Boers as foemen. Their bitter hostility and contempt prejudiced us. Reminiscences of the former war were revived by stories of abuse of the white flag, explosive bullets, rigorous commandeering, and wilful damage to the property of British colonists. Later, much was said of the treatment of prisoners and wounded in the hands of the Boers. Under the influence of these reports the opinion began to be formed that, brave as the Boers were and skilful as soldiers, they were hardly a civilised foe, or else they were fighting not as warriors but as fanatics, as in a Moslem holy war upon the infidel. By degrees that notion is being disproved. Our wounded upon release acknowledge the humanity of their captors, their readiness to relieve suffering by all the aid at their command, and their disposition to make the yoke as light as possible. Our men in South Africa even fraternise to some extent with the enemy in the Sunday or other truces of the campaign, and they find these stout and ready enemies very good fellows apart from the bitter business that brings them together. So it was in the Napoleonic wars and in the Crimea. While people at home abhorred the very name of Frenchman or Russian, the troops in the field struck up a rough fellowship with the foe and learned each other's human side. The truth about the Boers may be that some of the abuses which have been declared arise from their independent style of warfare. The commandoes and even the individual burghers fight much "for their own hand," and employ the arms and ammunition which they are most familiar with. In such circumstances there is more scope for the misbehaviour of a few desperadoes or fanatics than in our more disciplined ranks. Be it as it may, the legend of the Boer as a sour, harsh, relentless foe is disappearing, and we shall soon do justice to the better personal qualities of our enemy as well as to his splendid courage and constancy in a desperate cause.

THE CORNSPRUIT ENGAGEMENT.—From our special war correspondent, A. B. Paterson, we have received an account of the Cornspruit engagement, which we publish to-day. It was one in which the Boers showed great wariness, and succeeded in taking 300 prisoners and seven guns. Mr Paterson had a conversation with a Boer, who informed him that they were "only just beginning to fight," and would fight all the way to Pretoria.

ADIEU TO LADYSMITH.—Our special war correspondent, D. A. Macdonald, has said "Adieu to Ladysmith." That is the heading of an article we publish to-day, in which he describes the Tugela heights, on the fortification of which an incredible amount of pains had been bestowed by the Boers, with the result that they formed a position of immeasurable strength.

VICE-REGAL NEWS.—His Excellency the Governor, who was attended by Captain Clark, A.D.C., visited the National Art Gallery yesterday morning to see the exhibition of students' work. In the afternoon the Governor, attended by Captain Clark, A.D.C., paid a visit to the training ship Sobraon. Mr. Maynard accompanied his Excellency, who was shown over the ship and saw some physical drill.

THE PREMIER.—The Premier was at the Treasury throughout the day yesterday. In the afternoon a Cabinet meeting was held. In the evening Mr. Lyne left for Walla Walla, a township in his electorate, where he will be banqueted this evening. He returns to Sydney on Sunday.

PARLIAMENTARY VISIT TO BOURKE.—By the Western mail train last night the Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Fegan), accompanied by several members of Parliament, left on a visit to the Bourke district. The party included Messrs. W. W. Davis, Terry, Cotton, Brown, Spruson, Sawers, and Dacey, Ms.L.A., and Mr. D. C. M'Lachlan, the Under-Secretary. The party will return to Sydney on Tuesday.

FUND FOR NEW SOUTH WALES SICK AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS.—The proposal made by Trooper Middleton, of the Lancers, through the columns of the "Herald," that colonists should subscribe funds with which to endow beds in hospitals in South Africa, so that they might be reserved for sick and wounded soldiers from New South Wales, is attracting a considerable amount of interest. In addition to donations previously acknowledged from other subscribers, we have received towards this object £2 from Mrs. Tuska, sen.

TELEGRAMS TO NEW ZEALAND.—The postal authorities intimate in another column that 5d per word (including address and signature) will be levied on ordinary telegrams and telegraph money order advices from this colony to New Zealand, from Monday next.

THE LOTTERIES ACT.—A deputation from the Eight-hour Committee waited upon Mr. O'Sullivan yesterday afternoon, and asked that he would introduce a bill amending the Lotteries Act, so as to allow the term "art union" to include useful and ornamental goods as well as works of art. The Minister for Works replied that the matter came more within the scope of the Attorney-General than that of any other Minister; but he promised that if Mr. Wise did not introduce an amending bill during the next session he would do so himself. It may be stated that the proceeds of these art unions go to pay off the debt upon the Trades Hall.

THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD.—At a meeting of the Cabinet held yesterday, Mr. Cornelius Delohery, S.M., was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Public Service Board caused by the resignation of Mr. T. A. Coghlan. Mr. Delohery is the oldest member of the Bench of stipendiary magistrates, and in a few months he will have completed his 40th year of service in Government departments, his first appointment having taken place on July 23, 1860. He is 60 years of age. He was appointed stipendiary magistrate for Sydney on August 13, 1891. The salary of that office was £750 per annum; and as a member of the Public Service Board he will receive £1000 per annum. It may be stated that Mr. Delohery is president of the recently formed Public Service Association.

TELEPHONE INQUIRY BOARD.—Yesterday the examination of witnesses was closed, several of the departmental officers having been further examined. The board are now engaged in the preparation of their report, which, it is anticipated, will be ready for presentation to the Postmaster-General early next week.

VICTORIAN RESTRICTIONS AS REGARDS IMPORTED FRUIT.—The Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Fegan) has been advised by the Victorian Government

that the fungus disease Phoma citricarpa, known as Anthracnose or "Blackspot," of the orange and lemon has been proclaimed to be a disease within the meaning of their Vegetation Diseases Act, and that in future oranges and lemons affected with this fungus will not be admitted into Victoria.

POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS AT REDFERN.—At the Redfern Council last evening a letter was read from the Postmaster-General with reference to the council clerk's letter of March last, intimating that numerous complaints had been made regarding late delivery of letters in Redfern, and requesting that inquiries be instituted as to the practicability of arrangements being made for the first delivery of letters each day to be completed not later than 8.30 a.m. The Postmaster-General explained that to complete the delivery by 8.30 a.m. a start would have to be made at 7 a.m., which would cause a considerable number of letters arriving at the Redfern Post-office at 7.45 a.m. to be delayed till the 2.30 p.m. delivery. Under the circumstances it was not considered advisable to alter the existing arrangements. The letter, on the motion of Alderman Poole, was received.

A DEATH SENTENCE.—At a meeting of the Cabinet yesterday a good deal of consideration was given to the case of a prisoner who was sentenced to death on a charge of murder committed at Broken Hill; but, as Ministers desired to have further evidence before them, decision upon the matter was reserved until Monday.

THE WEATHER.—Light rains have again fallen on the coast, chiefly south of Sydney, but the favourable outlook which existed a few days ago for a fall in the west had last night entirely changed, though it was still cloudy in the central parts of the continent, as though a tropical change was coming across from Port Darwin. The southerly winds which are just now general in New South Wales have brought down the temperatures, and many of the highland stations are experiencing the first nip of winter. At Kiandra they had a reading of 12° below freezing point; Bombala had a reading of 32°, as also had Bowral, Carcoar, and Moss Vale. Cooma recorded 4° below freezing point. Bright frosty weather is likely for the next few days.

THE MAIL STEAMERS.—The Orizaba passed Wilson's Promontory yesterday evening, and is due here late to-night or early to-morrow morning. A wire from the Semaphore gives the Arcadia as having left, homeward, at 2.10 p.m. yesterday. The Karlsruhe, from Bremen, is expected to arrive here on Friday next, and the Himalaya after her quick run from London may be expected here next Thursday. The Orient Company's Oroya left Colombo for Australia on the 7th instant. The P. and O. liner Australia, hence on April 18, arrived at Colombo on last Wednesday morning. A cable from Noumea to the Messageries Maritimes yesterday advises the departure of the Pacifique on last Wednesday at 5 p.m. for Sydney. The Pacifique may be expected to arrive here on Sunday next. In the Canadian-Australian line the Moowera's mails, dated March 23, from Sydney, arrived at London on the 7th instant.

SHIPWRECK RELIEF SOCIETY.—A meeting of this society was held yesterday in the Exchange, Mr. J. H. Storey being in the chair. There were present—Captain J. Edie, Captain J. M. Banks, Mr. W. S. Buzacott, Mr. Alexander Kethel, Mr. J. O. Fairfax, and Captain A. W. Webber (secretary). After the routine business was disposed of a number of awards were passed for acts of bravery. The first case dealt with was the award of the society's certificate of merit to Miss Clara Moore. This lady, at Wamberal Lake, near Gosford, saved the life of a young lady visitor. Hearing cries she rushed down to the lake, and was just in time to rescue the drowning girl. The next case was that of Mr. B. M'Donagh, who in last March saved the life of a lad at Wardell. The boy, named Whorton, had fallen off the wharf, and M'Donagh, who was some distance from the scene, sprang in, and, despite the very strong tide rip, succeeded in bringing the boy to land. A silver medal and certificate were passed to Mr. M'Donagh. Another medal (bronze) was awarded to Mr. J. Lloyd, of Drummoyne, who a few months ago at night saved a lad, R. Widner, who had fallen off the wharf at Rodd Island. Certificates of merit were passed to Mr. J. A. Heron, of Pyrmont, for saving a boy named Jules, who had fallen off the Government wharf; to a lad of 9 years named F. W. Brown, for saving a little fellow of 4 years named Brisbane on the Lane Cove River last December; and to two boys, named H. Kirkwood and J. Macnamarra, the former 14 years and the latter 10 years, for rescuing a lad named Lloyd at Sheehy's wharf, Glebe, who had toppled into the water while fishing. A couple of other cases were considered, but were held over for further details.

THE GOVERNMENT BREAD CONTRACTS.—Tenders are being invited for the supply of bread to various Government institutions from July 1, 1900, to June 30, 1901, but it is expected that there will be considerable trouble over a special clause which has been inserted at the instance of the Operative Bakers' Society. The clause states that no sub-letting will be allowed, and all work must be carried out on the contractor's premises, the hours of employment of any person engaged in the manufacture, preparation, or delivery of the bread shall not exceed 48 per week, and the lowest rate of payment shall be the union price. Several prominent master bakers point out that owing to the peculiarities of the trade this is unworkable, and that the Government itself in several places where it bakes its own bread cannot adhere to this rule of a hard and fast 48 hours and pay under the union rate of wages. It is asserted that no master baker can honestly carry out such a provision throughout his contract, and as the matter is an important one it has been referred to the Master Bakers' Association.

RECOVERY OF STOLEN JEWELLERY.—A large quantity of valuable jewellery was, on Wednesday night, recovered in an accidental manner by Detectives Roche, Jones, Fullerton, and Brown from the residence of some Chinese, in Queen's-place, off George-street North, where the detectives were engaged making inquiries in connection with a recent safe robbery. After interviewing the Chinaman in possession the detectives discovered an iron safe, the key of which was procured after much persuasion. Upon opening the safe a quantity of jewellery was revealed, and the detectives felt certain they had unexpectedly come across a "plant." The whole of the jewellery was removed to the detective office. A gold watch has been identified by Mr. Frederick Brown, of Randwick, as his property. He values it at about £30, and says it was stolen from him on the day of the departure of the Imperial Bushmen's Contingent. The following is a description of the recovered jewellery, published for the benefit of the owners:—One keyless gold open-faced presentation lever watch, with Roman figures on face and inscribed "F J K. from R.C. 1887;" 1 gold hunting keyless Waltham watch and 1 open-faced rolled-gold watch, 2 single-stone diamond rings (one of very good value), 20 gold alberts of various patterns, 2 gentlemen's silver hunting watches, and 1 lady's open-faced silver watch, 1 lady's gold curb bracelet with padlock attached, 1 silver necklet, 11 silver chains and trinkets, 17 gold rings, 2 gold lockets, 2 silver sovereign purses, 2 gold nuggets, a small quantity of broken jewellery, 8 ladies' silver bracelets, 4 ladies' gold bangles, 14 silver trinkets, 2 silver lockets, 6 gold and jewelled breast pins of various patterns, cornelian stone cross, 1 gold-mounted N.Z. greenstone with 2 small stones attached, 1 silver pencil case, a gold-mounted cameo, 2 silver matchboxes (one inscribed "J.G.P."), 1 pair of field glasses, 1 dozen pocketknives, spectacles, a gold-mounted seal, 6 silver rings, and some silver coins.

FOUND DEAD.—About 9 a.m. yesterday Constable Gillespie, of No. 2 station, noticed a man lying on No. 6 platform at the Redfern railway station. An examination showed that the man was dead. The body was subsequently removed to the South Morgue, where it lies awaiting identification. Deceased was about 40 years of age, 5ft. 7in. high, and had brown hair and moustache. He was dressed in a serge coat and vest and brown trousers, and was wearing a soft felt hat.

We are requested to draw attention to the advertisement in another column notifying that this is the last day for receiving entries for the junior public examination to commence on Monday, June 4.

At a meeting of the Newtown Council on Tuesday evening attention was drawn by Alderman Crozier to the overcrowding of the electric trams on the Newtown line, and the consequent danger attending the travelling public. It was decided that a letter be written to the Commissioners complaining of insufficient accommodation.

Combined excursion trips to Hawkesbury River by rail and steamer take place to-morrow and on Sunday. Trains will leave Sydney at 9.5 a.m. on Saturday, and at 9 a.m. on Sunday, and the river trip will occupy about five hours each day.

The Australian Ambulance Association having placed a litter, with a man in charge, on the Circular Quay, is prepared to attend accidents, &c. The association is arranging to be connected with the telephone.

A special service will be held in St. Andrew's Cathedral at 10.30 a.m. to-day in connection with the departure of the New Guinea missionaries.

On Monday afternoon last the pupils of St. Mark's Church of England Parochial School presented their assistant mistress, Mrs. Glen, with a pair of handsome vases and a bouquet of flowers on the occasion of her leaving the school and giving up the teaching profession. The head mistress, Mrs. Jenkins, on behalf of the pupils, bade farewell to Mrs. Glen, who briefly responded.

On leaving the firm of Messrs. E. Arnold and Co., drapers, of Oxford-street, after a connection of 26 years, to enter on business at Mosman, Mr. John Willson has received from the firm an electroplated tea and coffee service, and from his fellow employees a highly finished silver watch. The presentations were made by Mr. E. Arnold and Mr. Lewis, who testified to the high character of Mr. Willson.

Alfred Fitton, 21, a painter, was yesterday treated at the Sydney Hospital for a dislocation of the elbow received whilst engaged in painting at the Farmers and Dairymen's Co-operative Store, Sussex-street, about 10.30 a.m. yesterday, owing to the slipping of a ladder. He was conveyed to the institution by the Civil Ambulance Brigade.

A vanman named George Aiken, residing in John-street, Camperdown, was driving along King-street, Newtown, last night, and in attempting to cross the tramway line his vehicle was struck by the motor of a tram coming from Marrickville to Sydney. He was thrown out of the cart, and subsequently admitted to Prince Alfred Hospital suffering from shock and severe injury to one leg.

In connection with the death of an elderly lady named Jane Flemming, which occurred suddenly on Wednesday night at Woollahra, Dr. Lamrock certified that death was due to natural causes, consequently an inquest has been dispensed with.

On Tuesday night, between 11 and 11.30 o'clock, the private residence of Mr. De Warr, 43 Campbell-street, Paddington, was entered during the temporary absence of two of the occupants, and a pair of opera glasses, an overcoat, and umbrella, valued at £3 15s, were stolen. There was a third occupant of the premises, an elderly lady, who was asleep upstairs, and it is surmised that the robber must have become aware of her presence as he appears to have left hurriedly. Numerous articles of considerable value were undisturbed. Entrance was apparently effected through the back yard and a back window, upon the frame of which were marks of a chisel.

NEW ZEALAND.

AUCKLAND, Thursday.

The Viceroy of India has cabled to the Governor thanking the public of New Zealand for their spontaneous sympathy and liberal contributions for the relief of famine sufferers. He said such acts cement the Empire.

A new boat is to be obtained for the submarine mining branch of the Defence Department. It will be 80 tons, and similar to the vessels used by the Imperial authorities for similar work. Boats of the same class will be afterwards procured for all the principal ports of the colony. They will be fitted with twin screws, have a speed of 10 to 11 knots, and will run under sail or steam.

Speaking at a social gathering in Masterton, Mr. J. G. Ward, Treasurer of New Zealand, said he recognised it was the duty of the Government to return to the people of the colony as much as possible out of the earnings of the railways, and with that view concessions would shortly be announced which would show the Government was sincere in its intention to use the railways for the benefit of the people as a whole. The Government would endeavour to cheapen the cost of sending produce to the seaboard. In eulogising the land policy of Mr. M'Kenzie, he said the Government would acquire further estates for cutting up, and he held the opinion that any such land taken should be paid for to its full value. The Government, he added, would continue its endeavours to obtain cheap money for settlers. In conclusion, he referred to the vastly increasing prosperity of the colony.

The Premier transacted office business at his residence to-day.

Lord Roberts has cabled that steamers with remounts for South Africa should call at East London.

The Appeal Court gave an important judgment to-day affirming the right of the Arbitration Court to award a preference to unionists in industrial disputes. The Chief Justice, in delivering judgment, said non-unionists were altogether outside the Act, and had no status under this statute, which must be obeyed, however contrary it might be to what was deemed natural justice.

In opening a new post-office at Masterton the Hon. Mr. Walker referred to the enormous increase of post and telegraph work in New Zealand. Last year's work, he said, as compared with 1890, showed in articles posted an increase of 90·9 per cent. The number of letters posted was 47·77 per head, as against 34·37 in 1890. The number of telegrams sent was 3,469,731 against 1,961,161, or an increase of 77 per cent.; and the number of telephone subscribers was now 7150 against 2592 in the previous year. Regarding savings banks' transactions, he said the balance at credit of depositors last year was £5,320,371 as against £2,441,876 in 1890, or an increase of 118 per cent. The money-order and postal note departments all showed a great increase. The post and telegraph revenue last year was £492,649 against £335,329 in 1890, an increase of 46 per cent.

The gold returns from Auckland district for the month are valued at £39,089, a decrease of £8793 on the corresponding month of last year. The whole returns, however, are not yet in.

DUNEDIN, Thursday.

Oats: Prime milling are quoted at 1s 9½d to 1s 10½d; good to best feed, 1s 8½d to 1s 9d; medium, 1s 7½d, to 1s 8½d; inferior, 1s 5½d to 1s 6½d.

TRAMWAY ACCIDENT AT ROCKDALE.

COLLISION WITH A HORSE AND VAN.

PASSENGERS DRAGGED FROM THE FOOTBOARD.

SEVERAL SERIOUSLY INJURED.

A serious accident occurred in Bay-street, Rockdale, yesterday afternoon, through which a number of people who were riding on the footboard of a tramway car were more or less seriously injured. It appears that at about 5 o'clock a number of visitors to the Brighton races were returning by Saywell's tramway to Rockdale railway station. The line is a comparatively short one, and serves to accommodate the railway traffic with Lady Robinson's Beach. The usual rush of passengers at the conclusion of the racing occurred, and the tram in question started on its journey to Rockdale with a considerable number of people standing on the car footboards. The tram had only just left the vicinity of the racecourse when it collided with a greengrocer's van driven and owned by a man named J. Bullen, a resident of Rockdale, travelling in the opposite direction. It is said the horse had become unmanageable. The result can be readily imagined. Some of the passengers dropped from the tramway footboard, but others, less fortunate, were instantly dragged away as the horse and van dashed into the side of the tram. The motor was stopped as soon as possible, and assistance rendered to the unfortunate people who were lying injured in the roadway. Senior-constable Rogers, Constables Hewitt and Fraser, who were quickly on the scene, rendered valuable aid, procuring the Brighton and Rockdale Ambulance litters, by which several of the more seriously injured passengers were removed to St. George's Hospital, Kogarah. Others who were able to resume the journey came on to Sydney. Two were met at the Redfern railway station and taken to Sydney Hospital by the Civil Ambulance, where they were treated, but not detained. Others had their injuries attended to at their own homes.

The following are the names of the persons and their injuries admitted or treated at St. George's Hospital:—William Davis, labourer, residing at Manly, concussion of the brain and possibly fracture of the skull; Charles Bryant, bookmaker, residing in Womerah-avenue, Darlinghurst, badly bruised and knocked about; John Brennan, aged 30, jockey, residing in Riley-street, Surry Hills, compound fracture of the left leg; Walter Wells, aged 20, jockey, residing at Waterloo, broken thigh; and Thomas Dalton, residing in Harris-street, Pyrmont, minor injuries. The two last named were subsequently removed to their homes. Thomas Watts, 23, groom, residing in Raglan-street, Alexandria, injury to knee, and Duncan Warren, 32, clerk, residing in Flinders-street, injury to thigh, were treated by Dr. M'Kenzie at the Sydney Hospital.

TO-DAY.

Presbyterian Church of New South Wales: General Assembly, 10 a.m.
St. Andrew's Cathedral: Departure of New Guinea Missionaries, Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.; address by the Archbishop.
St. John Ambulance Association: First Lecture of Course on First Aid, Wesleyan Hall, Lindfield, 8 p.m.
Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society: Annual General Meeting, noon.
University Oval: Tennis and Footraces.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "Queen Elizabeth," 8 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "The Liars," 8 p.m.
Lyceum: "A Soldier and a Man," 8 p.m.
Criterion Theatre: "Robbery Under Arms," 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: Mr. Rickards's Company, 7.50 p.m.
Cyclorama and Hall of Illusions: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

SIREN SOAP. SIREN SOAP.
Washes linen white as snow.
SIREN SOAP. SIREN SOAP.—Advt.

LATE EDITION.

HERALD OFFICE, 7 a.m.

THE WAR.

THE CAMPAIGN IN THE ORANGE FREE STATE.

LONDON, May 10.

Lieutenant-General Sir H. M. Rundle is guarding the country between Winburg and Ladybrand.

The Boers have removed their headquarters from Ladybrand to Clocolan, some distance to the north-east, occupying strong positions at Mequattings Nek.

The retreating convoys are in inextricable confusion, and the columns are in a panic, owing to a report that Senekal, 96 miles N.E. of Bloemfontein, has been occupied by the British.

Lieutenant-General R. Pole-Carew, Lieutenant-General C. Tucker, and Lieutenant-General Ian Hamilton are now across the Zand River, and are expelling the Boers from a strong position.

AUSTRALIANS CONGRATULATED BY LORD ROBERTS.

LONDON, May 10.

Field-Marshal Lord Roberts has congratulated Captain H. A. Pilkington (formerly of the 21st Lancers) and commanding the Western Australian Contingent, upon the gallantry displayed by his command at the Vet River.

EULOGY FOR AUSTRALIANS.

LONDON, May 10.

Everyone is eulogising the New Zealanders and Australians for their wonderful aptitude to the present style of warfare in South Africa.

COLONEL PLUMER'S ADVANCE.

LONDON, May 10.

The burghers are massing north of Mafeking to resist Colonel Plumer, who is attempting to relieve Colonel Baden-Powell.

CONTRABAND OF WAR AT DELAGOA BAY.

LONDON, May 10.

The new Governor of Delagoa Bay is treating corned beef, clothing, and boots destined for the Transvaal Government as contraband of war.

FOREIGN MERCENARIES LEAVING THE TRANSVAAL.

LONDON, May 10.

Many foreign mercenaries are quitting the Transvaal in disgust.

FEDERATION.

LORD LAMINGTON'S UTTERANCES.

OPINIONS OF THE DELEGATES.

LONDON, May 10.

Mr. E. Barton, Q.C. (New South Wales representative on the Federal delegation) has indignantly repelled what he styles Lord Lamington's "ungenerous insinuation" that the delegates are trading on Great Britain's gratitude in order to obtain concessions.

Mr. Alfred Deakin (Victoria) characterised Lord Lamington's utterances as most unfortunate and unconstitutional.

Mr. J. R. Dickson (Queensland) defended Lord Lamington, who, he said, doubtless spoke with the advice of the Ministry.

FIRE IN THE CITY.

MESSRS. VIRGOE, SON, AND CHAPMAN'S.

A BULK STORE ABLAZE.

At 20 minutes past 3 o'clock this morning the No. 3 Fire Station received a call that a large building was on fire in George-street North. Presuming that one of the warehouses on the west side of Circular Quay was on fire, the call was repeated to the head station, and fire engines, ladders, and salvage apparatus were taken to the scene of the fire, which proved to be in the stores of Messrs. Virgoe, Son, and Chapman, importers and merchants. The flames had burst out through the roof, and it looked as if the blaze was going to be a big one. A rapid glance, however, convinced Superintendent Webb and District Inspector Watson that they could combat it without the use of the fire engines. Several lines of hose were got to work in a few minutes, and so well were the efforts of the firemen directed that in half an hour they had not only beaten the flames on the top floor, but had also prevented them from descending. The task, however, was not without some difficulty owing to the fire being amidst a large quantity of general merchandise, much of which was of an inflammable character. It was also believed there were spirits and other combustible liquids in stock, but the manner in which the fire burned did not give the impression that such was the case. When the flames were extinguished an examination was made of the building, and it was discovered that the top storey had been completely gutted. It was also patent that the firemen had only just arrived in time to prevent the total destruction of the building and its valuable contents.

ASSOCIATED GOLD MINES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The essence of the London expert's report on the Associated Gold Mines of Western Australia is contained in the following brief extract:—"At present there is no sign of any new or rich development in any part of your mines. Not that I say there is not rich ore there, for that there is good and payable ore in your mines is undoubted, but it does not show largely at present, and may be struck at a lower level. The bulk of the ore in sight is rather poor and of low grade, such as it will not pay to work under present conditions."

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

At Alexandra last night a visitor from Ballarat named Miss Murray had a narrow escape from drowning. In attempting to ride across a dangerous ford of the river Goulburn she became giddy, and fell into the quick-flowing stream, and but for the gallantry of a man named Wm. Dobson she would have been drowned.

The Rev. George Tait, M.A., of South Yarra, was recently nominated at a meeting of past moderators of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria as Moderator for 1900-1901. Should Mr. Tait accept office and be installed at the November session of the General Assembly he will have the distinction of being the first Victorian-born clergyman of his Church to occupy the chair.

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what has been proved to be good, what has been tested by time, and proved to be pure, ARNOTT'S Milk Arrowroot Biscuits.—Advt.

GENUINE MOCHA COFFEE.
The finest obtainable, fresh roasted daily, 1s 6d, 1s 8d, 1s 10d per lb.
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SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

THE PRIMROSE LEAGUE.

SPEECH BY THE PREMIER OF ENGLAND.

MAJUBA HILL HUMILIATION BEING ERASED.

RESTORING PEACE TO SOUTH AFRICA.

DISLOYALTY OF THE TRANSVAAL.

INTERNATIONAL SITUATION PEACEFUL.

LONDON, May 10.

The Marquis of Salisbury, speaking at the Primrose League, said that the turn of the tide in the direction of Imperialism was traceable to the Majuba Hill disaster and the death of General Gordon at Khartoum. The blunder which led to the death of General Gordon had been avenged, whilst the greater humiliation of Majuba Hill was about to be erased under the direction of Field-Marshal Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener's brilliant guidance. The largest army that had ever been sent across the same expanse of sea was engaged in reducing people to obedience in the Queen's territories, which ought never to have been released. They were restoring to South Africa the only chance of peace. The disloyalty of the Transvaal in secretly arming to such terrible advantage suggested a lesson. Great Britain knew better now than it did a decade ago the risks of giving a disloyal Government in Ireland a similar opportunity. In consequence of this consideration the verdict on Home Rule would not meet with an early reversal. The international situation as regarded the Governments was peaceful, their careful and calm neutrality contrasting with the intense prejudice and unscrupulous hatred of some noisy sections. The Government of Great Britain uniformly aspired to justice, law, and peace; nevertheless adequate and timely precautions were wise. Maritime empires were invariably killed by a blow at the heart. The speaker concluded by saying that he favoured the formation of rifle clubs and other means of defence emanating from the people themselves.

LORDS OF THE APPEAL COURT.

LONDON, May 10.

Sir Nathaniel Lindley, who resigned the post of Master of the Rolls, has been appointed a Lord of the Appeal Court in succession to Lord Morris, who has resigned.

UNITED STATES.

LONDON, May 9.

During a discussion in the United States Senate, it was stated by the Secretary for the Navy that the Government had perfected a shell which was able to penetrate any armour.

FRANCE.

LONDON, May 9.

The extreme opponents of the French Government have won nine seats at the Paris municipal elections.

CHINA AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, May 9.

China has been compelled to assent to the construction by the Russian Government of the Kiachta-Peking railway.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

LONDON, May 10.

The following representative clips were placed.—Waihuka, 6¾d; Mount Brown, 8¼d; Bowen Downs, 9½d and 1s 7½d; Headlam, 11½d. There was a better all-round competition, and prices were firm, the home trade being the chief operators. Continental buyers were quiet. Faulty merinos declined 15 per cent., and others 10 per cent. Coarse crossbreds declined 5 per cent., and fine fully 10 per cent.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

It is stated that 154,000 sheep have already been carried from the western districts to pasture land, and that 400,000 more have been booked for removal from the drought-stricken country. Train loads of lucerne hay are leaving Townsville for the west daily.

An old identity in the commercial, political and social life of Brisbane, passed away to-night, in the person of Mr. Robert Bulcock, M.L.C., who had been seriously ill since Monday. He arrived in Brisbane in 1855. Mr. Bulcock took great interest in temperance matters, and was several times president of the temperance council.

A very valuable find of coal was reported on Nalalbu Run, 34 miles up the Dawson River. It is 14ft. thick.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, Thursday.

The Premier (Mr. Lewis) left for Sydney per steamer Wakatipu to-day. He will return in about 10 days.

The Fisheries Commissioners are taking measures to suppress illegal sealing in the straits by Victorian fishermen. They will send to the Western Australia Acclimatisation Society further supplies of salmon trout and brown trout.

Tasmanian mining statistics for March quarter show a considerable all-round improvement compared with the March quarter returns of last year.

INTERCOLONIAL ROWING.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

This afternoon witnessed the final row of the Queensland, New South Wales, and South Australian crews. The Queenslanders did some splendid work against the wind and tide. The New South Wales crew did a trial mile on the South Brisbane Reach, and greatly pleased their coach. Everything points to an even and exciting contest. The same remark applies to the Champion Sculls, in which Slack's chances are favoured by many.

IT IS WISE
to give your children ARNOTT'S Milk Arrowroot Biscuits—because they are wholesome, pure, and easily digested—but mind you get ARNOTT'S.—Advt.

FEDERATION.

THE COMMONWEALTH BILL.

LONDON, May 9.

The second reading of the Australian Commonwealth Bill, which will be introduced in the House of Commons on Monday, has been fixed for May 21.

May 10.

The "St. James's Gazette" trusts that, whatever the result may be regarding the negotiations concerning the Australian Commonwealth Constitution Bill, neither side will mount the high horse in dudgeon. Mr. Chamberlain, it states, was doing his best to ascertain Australian opinion, and the question was now more directly before the public of Australia than it was at the time of the referendum. Though Mr. Barton thought it reprehensible that Mr. J. R. Dickson, the Queensland representative, should have altered his opinion, it was likely that many other Australians had done the same. The "St. James's Gazette" adds that the popular judgment of the people of Australia now was not what it was a year ago.

MR. S. H. PARKER.

LONDON, May 9.

Mr. S. H. Parker, the delegate from Western Australia, is a passenger for Australia by the R.M.S. Britannia.

THE COMMONWEALTH BILL.

STATEMENT BY MR. LYNE.

The Premier last night informed a "Herald" reporter that he had not received any telegram from Mr. Barton with reference to the attitude of Mr. Chamberlain in connection with the Commonwealth Bill. He noticed, however, from the report in the "Herald" that Mr. Chamberlain was apparently disposed to reopen several amendments which it had been understood by the Australian federal delegates had been abandoned. "As regards the appeal to the Privy Council," observed Mr. Lyne, "my expectation all along was that the Imperial Government would alter that clause in the bill upon their own responsibility. It seems to me, however, if other matters which are not consequential upon this amendment are to be altered that an agitation will spring up for a general rearrangement of the bill in other directions. For instance, there is a great desire in some quarters to have a different scheme so far as the fixing of the capital is concerned. A good many people wish the hundred miles limit from Sydney to be abolished. This was mentioned to me this afternoon. The fact is, when once the Imperial Government commence making alterations in the bill they will not know where to stop. I hope, however, that some satisfactory solution of the difficulty will be arrived at."

MR. W. M'MILLAN A CANDIDATE FOR THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT.

At a well attended smoke concert at Mortlake on Wednesday evening Mr. W. M'Millan took the opportunity of thanking the electors of that part of the electorate of Burwood for their consistent support of his Parliamentary candidature while he was in England. He expressed the utmost good wishes to the sitting member, Mr. W. Archer, M.L.A., who was present, and stated that there was no likelihood that he would oppose Mr. Archer's candidature. He announced, however, that as he had been approached by many people on the subject, he would be a candidate for the Federal Parliament when the Federal Constitution was adopted by Great Britain. The announcement was received with great approbation.

Alderman Chapman (Mayor of Concord), who presided, and Mr. W. Archer, M.L.A., referred in kindly terms to Mr. M'Millan's work when in the New South Wales Parliament, and expressed pleasure at hearing of his intention to resume active politics for federated Australia. A well arranged programme had been got together by Mr. Peacock and others, and the various items were received cordially. Liberal supplies of refreshments were also provided.

MESSAGE TO MR. KINGSTON.

NO AUTHORITY TO AMEND THE BILL.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

In response to an appeal from Mr. C. C. Kingston, the South Australian federal delegate, for help, Sir John Downer has cabled to him as follows:—"The 1891 Convention approved of the appeal proposal. The 1898 Convention, elected by the majority of the people, adopted the proposal, and the people on referendum confirmed this. No authority has been given to anyone to alter. If the bill is amended it must be by referendum of the people. Mr. Deakin's suggestion might meet the case, but even that was unauthorised. If it has been represented that the vote of the people does not represent the will of the people it can be remedied by the Federal Parliament."

CHESTER MAY MEETING.

CHESTER CUP.

LONDON, May 9.

At the Chester May Meeting to-day the contest for the principal event on the card resulted as under:—

The Chester Cup (handicap) of 2550 sovs. (a cup value 50 sovs., and the remainder in specie), by subscription of 25 sovs. each, 15 sovs. forfeit, or 5 sovs. only if declared, for three-year-olds and upwards; the second to receive 300 sovs., and the owner of the third to receive 200 sovs. out of the race; winners after January 25, at noon, of the 2000 guineas or 1000 guineas Stakes at Newmarket in 1900, or a handicap value 500 sovs., to carry 14lb, of a handicap value 300 sovs., 7lb extra; lowest weight not less than 6st. Old Cup course (nearly 2¼ miles). A champion prize Cheshire Cheese, of the value of 5 sovs., will be given to the owners of the first, second, and third horses respectively.

Mr. C. A. Brown's Roughside, by Hagioscope—Disruption, aged, 7st 5lb 1
Duke of Portland's Manners, by St. Simon—Tact, 4 years, 8st 3lb 2
Lord Carnarvon's Baldur, by Sheen—Sunshine, 4 years, 6st 10lb 3

The original candidates for the Chester Cup totalled 44, among whom Australia was represented by The Grafter, but in view of his engagement in the Jubilee Stakes at Kempton Park on Saturday next, it is more than probable that he was not a starter on this occasion. Of the original entrants seven declared forfeit, and prominent among the acceptors were Calveley (winner of the Chesterfield Cup, Great Yorkshire Handicap, and Doncaster Cup, 1899), Dinna Forget (Kempton Park Jubilee Handicap and Liverpool Summer Cup), Herminius (Ascot Stakes, 1898, and Manchester Cup, 1899), King's Messenger (Goodwood Cup, 1898), Uncle Mac (Chester Cup, 1899), Tom Cringle (Ascot Stakes, 1899), Chubb (Liverpool Autumn Handicap, 1899), Mitcham (Newmarket October Handicap, 1899), and many other good performers. The winner, Roughside, is by Hagioscope from Disruption, by Discord from Mattie, by Cathedral, &c. Roughside scored his first success as a three-year-old in the Ferry Plate at Hurst Park, and followed it up with a win in the Newmarket October Handicap. Though he faced the flag eight times during the following season he did not earn a winning bracket, but in that of 1898 he claimed the judge's verdict in six of the 15 events in which he took part—the Border Handicap Hurdle Race at the Ludlow April meeting, the Hallow Maiden Hurdle Race at the Worcester April Meeting, the Prince of Wales Plate (Handicap) at the Leicester July Meeting, the Wolverhampton Handicap at the Wolverhampton August Meeting, the Great Sale Plate at Kempton Park September Meeting, and the Melton Plate at the Leicester October Meeting. During last season he was successful four times—in the Avon Selling Plate at the Bibury and Salisbury July Meeting, the Brighton Stakes at the Brighton August Meeting, the Amalgamation Plate, and the Club Open Welter Handicap, at the Folkestone August Meeting. Manners, who ran second, is by St. Simon from Tact, by Wisdom, and was bred by his owner, the Duke of Portland, whom he credited last season with the Prince of Wales Stakes at Ascot, and the Great Yorkshire Stakes at the York August Meeting. Baldur, who ran third, was not successful as a two-year-old, but last season he earned four winning brackets—in the Bellesden Plate and High Peak Plate at the Leicester April Meeting, Club Plate at the Haydock Park May Meeting, and the Rufford Abbey Plate at the Doncaster September Meeting. Last year the Chester Cup was won by Uncle Mac, who beat a dozen others.

THE WAR.

ADVANCE OF LORD ROBERTS.

BOER TRENCHES ABANDONED.

ENEMY RETREATING.

BRITISH PURSUING CAUTIOUSLY.

COLONIAL TROOPS IN ACTION.

WARNING TO THE TRANSVAAL.

LONDON, May 9.

The Boers who were expelled from their position at Fourteen Streams by Major-General Sir Archibald Hunter, fled precipitately. They abandoned everything, although the trenches equalled in strength those of Magersfontein.

BOERS RETREATING.

LONDON, May 9.

A Reuter's message states that it is believed the Boers who retreated from the Smaldeel district are leaving the Zand River, and are retreating to the Vaal River. Other reports state that they are concentrating at Boschrand.

WOUNDED AUSTRALIANS.

LONDON, May 9.

During the fighting around Brandfort the following Australians were wounded:—Troopers W. M. Lloyd, G. Seymour, and T. S. Braithwaite, of the Queensland forces; Trooper L. E. Smith, of the New Zealand forces; and G. G. Campbell and C. Ford, of the New South Wales forces.

SURRENDER OF HORSES AND RIFLES.

LONDON, May 9.

Many of the Boers are surrendering their horses and Mauser rifles to the British

IMPERIAL BUSHMEN'S HORSES.

LONDON, May 9.

The horses of the Imperial Bushmen travelling from Beira to Rhodesia will be specially protected against the attacks of the tsetse fly.

SPEECH BY MR. GOSCHEN.

LONDON, May 9.

Mr. G. J. Goschen, First Lord of the Admiralty, speaking at a dinner given by the Conservative Party, said that our Australian kinsmen were co-partners in the Empire through the ties formed on the battlefield. He stated that officers at the front bore brilliant testimony to the energy and resourcefulness shown by Lieutenant Colquhoun, of the Victorian Naval forces.

ACTION ON THE ZAND RIVER.

GALLANT ACTION OF THE N.S.W. TROOPS.

LONDON, May 10.

During Major-General Hutton's reconnaissance on the Zand River the New Zealand troops were posted on a kopje overlooking the river, whilst the New South Wales and Canadian troops were held in reserve on a kopje in the rear.

Some 10,000 Boers, who with six guns were on the northern side of the river preparing to leave with a convoy and a loaded train, returned, and shelled the British and Colonial troops.

Many of the Boers crossed the dry bed of the river southward, circled to the right, enfiladed the Western Australian troops with shellfire, and threatened the retreat of the New Zealand troops.

The New South Wales troops moved forward gallantly and held the enemy in check in the face of a galling fire. They covered the retreat of the New Zealanders.

The enemy retired at night, and destroyed the railway bridges and culverts.

The London "Daily Chronicle's" war correspondent states that Lieutenant-General French and Major-General Hutton crossed the Zand River, and are pursuing the enemy cautiously, owing to the damage done to the railway.

WARNING TO THE TRANSVAAL GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, May 10.

The London "Standard" states that the European Powers have warned the Transvaal Government that, if the Johannesburg mines are destroyed, Great Britain will be requested to exact personal compensation, beginning with the Presidents and State officials.

GENERAL BOTHA CONFRONTING GENERAL HAMILTON.

LONDON, May 10.

General Botha, with 10 guns, is confronting Lieutenant-General Hamilton some 10 miles north of Winberg.

ARRIVAL OF NEW ZEALAND TROOPS.

LONDON, May 10.

The steamer Waimate, with New Zealand troops aboard, has arrived at Beira.

THE SITUATION.

ENEMY RETREATING.

The principal interest is still centred in the advance of Lord Roberts. He is making good progress towards Transvaal territory. It might be of interest to quote the opinion of an Imperial officer as published in the "Times" regarding the character of the country which has to be covered between Bloemfontein and the Vaal, and the military difficulties which it presents. "The railway, which runs north-east from Bloemfontein to the Vaal River," he says, "passes with scarcely a curve or a cutting, an embankment or a tunnel, through a monotony of 175 miles of rolling plains, occasionally diversified in the more northern districts by comparatively low ranges of hills, which are themselves surmounted by singular replicas of the crags about Capetown known as Table Mountain, the Devil's Peak, and the Lion, only much less elevated. Here I may remark that, as regards the mountains, most maps of the Free State are nought. The ranges audaciously indicated are often little more than rising ground. Lord Roberts must rely upon his own transports for supplies. Not a yard of metalled road did I see during the whole course of my journeys through the Free State and the Transvaal. Yet locomotion is by no means difficult. The straight line of railway will be easily repaired. Cart tracks may be struck out almost at will on the firm pasturage, and as soon as these become rutty the difficulty is immediately obviated by a small semi-circular divergence of route.

"Groups of kopjes," the officer adds, "may occasionally induce the retreating Boers to attempt a stand, and even to fight a rearguard battle." That is what they have repeatedly done since Lord Roberts invaded the Free State; but their positions have always been turned. At the beginning of the campaign many difficult positions of the enemy were carried by frontal attacks, which provided magnificent illustrations of British valour and correspondingly long lists of British casualties. The officer points out that the numerous spruits and streams are of some importance as threatening loss through rearguard actions. They are not spanned by bridges, and their beds are bouldered by formidable granite debris. In a few hours they develop from trickling streams into unfordable torrents, and generally subside with equal rapidity. The recent Koorn Spruit disaster, or blunder, or whatever it may be called, shows how the Boers are able to take advantage of the peculiar conformation of country brought about by these periodically running streams. The waters have ploughed out deep chasms with overhanging banks, which permit of a strong defence being made. Again, tactical skill will be relied upon to render any such positions untenable. Our correspondent, Mr. Paterson, indicates in his letter published yesterday that the enemy, near the railway line between the Modder and Brandfort, was generally well protected during the fight. Although north of Brandfort there are no Tugela regions, no Laing's Nek heights, no Stormbergs, nor Drakensbergs, between Bloemfontein and the Vaal, and although the opinions we have quoted are well known to be correct, the fact remains that if the Boers are determined to defend the northern districts of the Free State they will be able to find many areas capable of speedy fortification and entrenchment, but in no way capable of being held against a combination of movements such as we have seen exemplified over and over again since General French started on his march to Kimberley.

Reuter's agency has correspondents with the Boers as well as with the British army. According to its authority the belief is entertained that the force which Lord Roberts routed at Smaldeel, and which retired to the Zand River, is retreating to the Vaal. Other reports state that a concentration of the enemy is taking place at Boschrand. The advance of Lord Roberts was yesterday reported to have been made as far as Welgelegen, 79 miles north of Bloemfontein. He is covering the distance between the capitals of the two States more rapidly than he did the area between Kimberley and Bloemfontein. Boschrand is 40 miles north of Welgelegen, and only nine miles from Kroonstad. When these distances are remembered it is clear that the correspondents are of opinion that the Boers are either going to defend Kroonstad or the Vaal River. Kroonstad is the nominal Boer capital of the Orange Free State. A session of the Volksraad was commenced there about five weeks ago, when over 20 members attended. That the Boers contemplate such a long retreat shows that the intervening country has no strategical features which will afford them much special advantage. Between Welgelegen and Boschrand—provided the Boers leave the Zand River, and retire nearly to Kroonstad—it is almost certain the railway will be destroyed. As belligerents, they are entitled to do as much damage to the roads as they can, so as to check the advance of their opponents. But their present tactics have something more than a military significance. The Boer commandants must know that these continual retreats have a demoralising effect upon a very large portion of their forces. Most of the Free Staters now fighting have what we in politics call a stake in the country. They have property to lose, including in many instances what is most precious to the Boer—freehold land. The Free State burghers went into the war because they were led to believe that if they refused to do so their farms would be confiscated. Now the dreaded spectre of confiscation haunts them whichever side they turn. On the one hand they have the repeated assertion of the superiority of British arms, on the other the unscrupulous deception practised by their leaders, who give false assurances of foreign intervention, inflate the accounts of small Boer successes, falsify the events which led to the war, and flagrantly misrepresent British intentions. Lord Roberts's advance is clearing the atmosphere, and again burghers are surrendering their arms and horses. The majority of the Free State burghers seem to think they are compelled to be on the winning side. If they surrendered they would have no place in the new republic which the anti-English Dutch hope to obtain, whilst at the same time they have been told that British rule would mean their racial, social, and political extinction. The plan of retreat, however, is a strong inducement to the Free Staters to lay down their arms; and if Lord Roberts defeats the enemy where it is believed President Kruger's men are concentrating, then the probability is that thousands of Free State burghers now in the north will lay down their arms and throw their northern kinsmen almost on their own resources. It is true that the Free Staters mustered some commandoes to help the Transvaalers in what the latter presume to call their war of independence, but only after initial successes, and when a totally false idea prevailed in regard to the military strength of Great Britain and of the character of the government which would have been conferred upon South Africa.

The colonial brigade under Major-General Hutton made a reconnaissance to the Zand River, where the Boers were recently posted after their flight from Winburg and Smaldeel. The New Zealanders got on a kopje overlooking the river. The Canadians and New South Welshmen were on another kopje behind them, whilst the Western Australians seem to have been on their right. Ten thousand Boers, who were about to retire with a convoy and by train from the Zand River, returned and attacked the advanced British brigade. A detachment of the enemy crossed the river east of the railway, and then turned to the right, with the object of cutting off the retreat of the New Zealanders. The New South Welshmen moved forward from their kopje in the rear, and gallantly held the enemy in check, thereby preventing the Boers from making a flanking movement which would have cut off the retreat of the New Zealanders. Fighting appears to have continued until nightfall, when the enemy retired. The "Chronicle" states that Generals Hutton and French crossed the river and cautiously pursued the retreating commandoes. It is definitely known now that the Boers have left the Zand River, using a train for transport purposes. They evidently intend to defend very few points, or none at all, between the Zand and the Vaal.

It is satisfactory to learn that the recent engagement at Fourteen Streams resulted in the complete route of the enemy, who left everything, although the abandoned trenches are described as being as impregnable as were those of General Cronje at Magersfontein. General Hunter is not likely to remain long at Fourteen Streams. News bearing perhaps less directly upon the relief of Mafeking is that colonial troops continue to arrive at Beira.

THE FLY COUNTRY.

The cables have announced that the horses of the Imperial Bushmen will be specially protected from the tsetse fly while on their way from Beira to Rhodesia. Probably the first innovation in the way of keeping off the insects was brought into usage when the Natal troops went to Mashonaland to quell the rebellion that threatened Salisbury. A netting of wire of an exceedingly small mesh was placed over the trucks, and in that way were the poisonous flies kept away. Before the railway was made between Beira and Umtali there was a great difficulty in getting the horses through the low-lying swampy hinterland. It has been said that only the local buffalo can withstand the ravages of the pest.

COOMA, Thursday.

A concert in aid of the Patriotic Fund was held last night.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

Private C. Fowler, reported in a cable to the Premier from South Africa to be seriously ill, is a Goulburn man, and was a member of the first contingent.

AT THE FRONT.

BY OUR SPECIAL WAR CORRESPONDENT A. B. PATERSON.

AT BLOEMFONTEIN.

BOERS SEIZE THE WATERWORKS.

SOMEONE BUNGLED.

AUSTRALIANS EXONERATED.

ALWAYS ON THE ALERT.

THE SADDLE INDISPENSABLE.

STRATEGY OF THE BOERS.

TAKE 300 PRISONERS.

A SCENE OF CONFUSION.

FRIENDS AND FOES MIXED UP.

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BLOEMFONTEIN, April 4.

When I last wrote I was just off on the track of the troops, without knowing exactly what the move was about. Nobody ever does know, except, possibly, the Commander-in-Chief, and he doesn't tell anybody. The rest work blindly. When we got here we were to have five weeks' rest, five weeks of beautiful calm, without any orders to "Stand by horses" at 3.30 a.m., and without any marches in the sun from dawn till after dark, and the result has been that we have hardly ever been out of the saddle, and have fought two severe engagements, and the Boers have taken the water supply, wrecked the pumping gear, and captured 300 prisoners and seven guns and 70 waggons of supplies; so we haven't had exactly a peaceful time. The whole thing was done so beautifully simply that we can't make any explanations: it was sheer gross carelessness on somebody's part. Luckily the Australians were not in it; the New Zealanders were, but their share was, as usual, most creditable. The first fight was the one at "The Glen," which I have already described; the other was at the Waterworks, about 20 miles east from here. It seems that beyond the Waterworks there is a place called Thaba'nchu, pronounced Tabanchu, and after we took Bloemfontein we sent out a force and occupied this place.

A BOER ENTERPRISE.

It is a good deal like an Australian country town—you might easily ride past it in the dark and not notice it. But there is a flourmill there, and a lot of farmers round about. The towns run more to flourmills than to public-houses in this country. When Ladysmith was relieved and the Boers were driven out of Bloemfontein it set a lot of them roaming about the country, and they have been circling round about this place like so many bearded and unwashed Peris round the gates of a very questionable Paradise. They are not strong enough to attack the enormous force we have here, but they came down on our outposts at the Glen and were driven back. Then it appears they drifted round to the east to Tabanchu, and the force there was called in, as it was not large enough to hold the place. There were about 1400 of our troops, including about 80 New Zealanders and the Household Cavalry, to which regiment Captain Ferguson, lately A.D.C. to Lord Hampden, belongs; a squadron of the 10th Hussars, two batteries (12 guns) of Royal Horse Artillery, and a long convoy of waggons. Also there were a lot of refugees coming in from Tabanchu—farmers who had been fighting against us, but had laid down their arms in obedience to Lord Roberts's proclamation, and had thereby incurred the deadly enmity of their late comrades. These refugees had in many cases their womenkind with them. This force crossed the Modder and camped between the Modder and the Corn Spruit, the latter a deep creek with high banks.

THE ENEMY IN AMBUSH.

The Boers sent men round them in the night and occupied this Corn Spruit right in the path that our men would have to travel. Then at daylight they opened fire with their cannon from the hills behind our men and drove them on to this ambush. The troops halted so as to let the convoy get on, and when the shell fire got hot the black mule-drivers lost their heads, and before long all the vehicles—some 70 waggons, with 10 mules in each waggon—came racing and jostling and whacking up to the crossing-place of this Corn Spruit, with the shells bursting behind them. With them came the refugees' carts and all the non-combatants, cooks, and so forth, pushing along as hard as they could, each trying to get over the crossing-place first. The banks are very steep, and there is only the one crossing-place anywhere near the road. The Boers lay hidden in the bed of the spruit, and they actually let five or six waggons over, so as not to alarm those in the rear too soon. Then they stepped out as calmly as possible and made prisoners of all that came up. The reader will understand that the convoy and its attendants were practically a rabble, and were easily captured, as the fighting men were in the rear, not having any notion that there were enemies in front. I cannot do better than describe the affair as it was told me by one of the regimental cooks, who appears to have been well to the front of the flight. This particular cook made no secret of the fact that he was well up with the leaders, and lying in a good handy position to get over the spruit as early as possible:—"We were out at Tabanchu," he said, "and all seemed all right and segarnio, and them Kaffirs used to come in every day with eggs and milk, and then one morning the Kaffirs never came in—not a single blessed Kaffir. They knew there was trouble about. So that day we marched out and got across the Modder, and got into camp at 3 in the morning, and lay down and slept till 5. And just at daylight 'Bang' comes a shell right among the carts, and bang comes another just by my face, and off went the niggers with the waggons as hard as ever they could lick, and of all the noises you ever heard that beat 'em, with the carts rattling and the mules galloping and the niggers shouting and the shells bustin'. And we come to that crossing place full lick, and up steps a old Boer with a big beard—he seemed to come right out o' the ground. 'Gimme your rifle and get off your pony,' he says. He was pointin' a rifle at me at the time, so I gev' him my rifle and got off my pony and stood in a line with a lot of others he'd collared—niggers and such—and as each man came up he nabbed him. A captain of the Army Service come up, lookin' behind him all the time at the shells, and this old Boer says, 'Are you the commandin' officer?' he says. So the Army Service captain takes no notice of him whatever, but goes to ride on, and the old Boer he points his rifle at him. 'I must ask you for your revolver,' he says, 'and I'd like a drink of water out of that water-bag.' So he got off his horse and gave up his revolver; and then a officer from the guns comes up to see if the spruit was clear yet for the guns to cross, and they nabbed him; and then while a lot of Boers were walking about among the waggons taking our rifles, a lot of Roberts's Horse rode up and started to fire at the Boers in the bed of the spruit, and they set in to fire back, hitting the waggons and the mules and the niggers and us prisoners, and their own men all alike. We made a dive for under the waggons, and hid there, niggers and Boers and English, all crouched together, and the bullets rattlin' in the waggons like hail on a window-pane. An' one of the Boers that was hidin' there, he says to me, 'This is —— hot,' he says. And then I got out the other side of the waggons, and I saw my pony and I made a rush for him, and the whole place was alive with loose horses and men runnin' about and the shells kept bustin', and I got on the pony and rode up along the spruit, and the bullets round me like bees. An' just as I come away up came the guns, and they shot the gunners off the horses faster than they could dismount, and some of the Boers walked up among 'em and pulled 'em off, and some of the gunners cut their horses loose, and the teams galloped back and bust up the

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cavalry that was comin' up and set 'em all astray, and everything was all mixed up; and I found a place to get over the spruit, and cleared out."

BOERS SEIZE SEVEN GUNS.

That was his stirring narrative, and it gives a clear enough idea of what happened. Accusations have been hurled against the Boers of shooting prisoners in cold blood, but the fact is that the prisoners and some Boers were between the Boers and our own troops, and were shot by both parties; a great many niggers were shot. All sorts of estimates are made as to the number of Boers in the creek. Our men say there were 2000. The Boers will, no doubt, say there were 20. According to the Boers there never are more than two men and a dog opposing thousands of our men. The Boers captured seven guns and about 330 prisoners. The New Zealanders were in the rearguard, and were faced about to repel an attack from the rear, so that they did not get into the hurly-burly at the Corn Spruit. They were told that the road was blocked, and they retired in good order up the river and crossed higher up, dismounting their men and firing every now and again when the enemy got too close. About 17 of their men were riding on the waggons, some sick and others with no horses, and these were all captured. The total English casualties were 40 killed, 97 wounded, and about 300 prisoners. Next day the New South Wales Ambulance Corps went out in charge of a large party, and were accompanied by Drs. MacCormick and Scot-Skirving, and these two surgeons had their hands very full treating the wounded. They said that owing to the rough surroundings many men would die who might have been saved if it had been possible to get them to a good place. The Boers had left the dead where they were, and had put the wounded in some iron huts. They treated the wounded well.

QUEENSLANDERS ALMOST SURROUNDED.

The cavalry were sent out in great haste to patrol the place and prevent any further advance of the Boers, and the Queenslanders got into trouble owing to the Boers getting pretty well all round them, and they lost two killed and two wounded and five prisoners. These latter were sent down to the spruit, and found it full of Boers, who gathered them in without any fuss. The New South Wales Lancers and Australian Horse were shelled at, but had no close-range work. The Household Cavalry lost everything in the way of kit that they had—beds and gear of all descriptions, including in many cases the diaries that they had carefully kept all through the war. The New Zealanders had with them their mails that had just come in, and the battlefield was littered with illustrated New Zealand papers and letters. The Boers tore the stamps off most of the letters, evidently for their collections, but left the letters alone. About a dozen waggons were smashed by shell-fire, and were left still full of gear, and the wounded mules, horses, and donkeys were limping painfully about, reminding one very much of Cronje's laager. While I was at the waggons the Boers sent an ambulance over with a wounded man, and I had a long talk with the Boer in charge of it while waiting for our ambulance to come up and take the wounded man. He said that the Boers were only just beginning to fight, and they would fight all the way to Pretoria. He was a Transvaaler himself, and was very anxious to get back home; in fact, he said with a very meaning look, "I wouldn't much mind being captured." I thought perhaps if he would promise to make no resistance, I might earn some distinction by capturing him myself, but decided not to interfere with anything under the red-cross flag. He was a square-built bearded fellow, very quick and intelligent in his talk, and by no means the "boor" of one's imagination. He offered me £12 for a pair of field glasses that I carry, but as he admitted that he went into the trenches and shot, when he was not driving the ambulance, I thought he might use these glasses to shoot me with some day, so I would not sell.

EXCHANGE OF COURTESIES.

A great deal of anxiety existed as to whether the Boers had blown up the waterworks and machinery. I didn't like to ask him whether they had done so, as I thought he might say, "No, but I'll go back and see that it is done at once." He had with him a letter from a Tasmanian officer captured at Colesburg in February. This letter ran as follows:—

To Surgeon-Captain Hopkins,
Australian Regiment,—

I have been taken prisoner, my wounded leg has been dressed, and I have received the greatest kindness and consideration at the hands of the Field Hospital authorities here.

C. CAMERON,
Captain, Tasmanian Contingent.

Kulfontein, near Colesberg, February 15, 1900.

This Boer was very proud of the fact that a brother of his had, with one other man, held a kopje for a whole day against English troops of great number, according to him. The Boers must be fairly short of provisions, as he had no bread with him, and I gave him some biscuits that I had, whereupon he produced a bottle of brandy, and we drank to each other's confusion and parted. The troops were all recalled from the waterworks, as these are commanded by Boer guns on a big range of hills at the back. It is a mystery what the town will do for water, but we have blind faith in the R.E. (Royal Engineers) to pull us through. There is a very good swimming bath in this town, about 50 yards long by 20 wide, and from 7ft. to 4ft. deep, and the water in it cannot be changed since the Boers took the pumping place.

The latest news is that all Australians, Canadians, New Zealanders, and South Africans are to go into one division under General Ian Hamilton. General Hutton, late of Sydney, is to have one brigade, with Colonel Gordon, of Adelaide, as chief staff-officer, and this brigade will embrace all the New South Wales troops, including the Lancers and A Battery, unless arrangements are altered. This scheme is viewed with very mixed feelings by the Australian troops. There is a certain amount of eclat in being brigaded with troops like the Scots Greys or Inniskillings, and to be put with the colonials will make the war look too much like an Easter camp. Still, it may be the best thing in the long run. The brigade is to be gathered together from all the ends of the earth, so it will be some time ere we move—or at least we hope so.

A MILITARY JOURNAL.

"The Friend," the newspaper edited by the war correspondents, is gradually getting a list of contributors that any paper in the world might envy. Kipling and Conan Doyle are fair names to begin with, and Lord Roberts contributes daily on military matters. He always styles his writings "General Orders," and they range over a variety of subjects, from pointing out the best place and time for a parade, to suggestions of the hour at which all good civilians ought to be in their houses with their lights out. His style is crisp and decisive. He simply says, "All civilians shall be in their houses by 8 o'clock," and leaves it at that.

REFUGEES SEEK PROTECTION.

The town is full of refugees, who have come in from their farms. These are mostly men who have fought against us, and have laid down their arms, and are now afraid of the Boers, so have come in till the Boers are driven away out of their districts. There are three or four of these refugees at the house where this is written. I have rented a couple of rooms here while we stay at Bloemfontein. These refugees are farmers from Thaban'chu, and it will interest Australians to know that they are well up in the excellencies of the Tasmanian merinos, and can discourse fluently on the varied merits of the American Vermont rams. They import sheep largely here, and know a good sheep when they see him. Horses also they make a study of. A horse called Buccaneer is near here—an imported Australian horse—and another Australian called Nargo has won a lot of good races hereabout. They are thinking of introducing Wolseley machines into their sheds. These people are the semi-savage ignorant Boers of which we heard so much. Our little home-circle of an evening is quite like Australia. One of the Boers (he was shooting at us a few weeks ago, but has since laid down his arms) sings "Strangers Yet" with great feeling, and I think his singing is more deadly than his shooting; also, we play what passes for whist, but it is the vilest form of bumble-puppy. Another of the Boers wants to get my big Australian mare to breed from, and he comes up every day with a different horse, which he offers me in exchange. I tell him I want £20 in addition to any of his horses, which makes him very sad. He has plenty of sheep and cattle and horses, but does not appear to own any farm—he travels and rents country here and there. I think he is what they call a trek-boer—a farmer that shifts about. We discuss politics in a very impartial manner, and if the settlement of affairs was left to the Boers and the Australians it would be fixed in no time; but these people don't understand the English, and won't go near them if they can help it.

The Boers are not working-men, peasant-proprietor, sort of people by any means. They all have any amount of black servants, and they think a good deal of themselves, and they call no man master. They are very independent, and when the English army men address them as they would address a groom they don't like it. If England takes this country she will get a fine lot of colonists in these people, and, as I have already stated, I think they are too fond of their farms and their comfort to keep up a hopeless fight if their liberties are not interfered with. I will visit some of these Thaban'chu as soon as the Boers are hunted away.

THE FIRST VOLKSRAAD.

The First Chamber of the Transvaal Republic is not an uninviting place since the public have access, and there was little or no guard on the main entrance. All and sundry could go in to listen to the debates, which were often of the most heated character. The seats of the members are arranged in a semicircle facing the chair, while on the left looking towards the chairman is seated the Executive. It was not an uncommon event to observe the members get into a hopeless discussion, and then it was that Mr. Wolmarans, the Chairman, would declare an adjournment, and, unrobing himself before the House and the onlookers, leave the chair. Then may have appeared the strangest of sights. All—for it is safe to say all the members of the First Volksraad smoke—would then fill their pipes, and the visitors, too, enjoyed the full privileges of the House of Lords of the Transvaal. There was not the slightest compunction, and all and sundry could do as they wished. On the other hand, when the chair was taken there was silence, and "pipes out" was an unwritten custom. To the newcomer the sight was certainly extraordinary, but bearing in mind the great fondness the Boer has for tobacco there may be nothing very irregular in his methods. When Mr. Kruger appears in the Volksraad all is quiet. His words are weighed, for he indeed is a man of wonderful power among the volk, and every sentence is delivered with great calculation. The President, if not a quick orator, is a convincing lecturer more than a light debater. Like all African speakers who have had a great deal to do with Kaffirs, and the meeting of chiefs and indunas at indabas, Mr. Kruger is free in the use of metaphor, and likes to illustrate his point with some reference to a character or parable in Holy Writ. In this way can the President, speaking in the open air, hold his audience from one to two hours. Again, his personality is remarkable, and his last speech on the opening of the Volksraad must have been listened to with great concern.

"THE SYDNEY BOYS."

COMMENDED BY RUDYARD KIPLING.

Amongst the letters received from various parts of the British Empire by Mr. J. B. Wellings, relative to his patriotic emblem, "a British Square," is one from Rudyard Kipling, received yesterday. Mr. Kipling, who, as everyone knows, is over at the front, in concluding says, "Let me assure you that I have gathered some experience of squares—colonial as well as British—that will remain with me all my life. I had the pleasure of seeing some of your Sydney boys at work near Bloemfontein the other day—and they did it very well."

THE BUSHMEN'S CONTINGENT

ARRIVAL AT CAPETOWN.

THE VOYAGE ACROSS.

(BY A CORRESPONDENT.)

NEAR CAPETOWN, March 30.

Our voyage from Sydney, extending from March 1, is drawing to a close, for this evening or to-morrow morning we expect to arrive at Capetown. Yesterday we sighted the mountain ranges of the African coast and received an unintelligible heliographic message from some signalling station on shore. One of our signallers interpreted the flashes to be something about "Peace; stop at Cape; further orders;" but he was threatened with a grave in the watery deep unless he quickly changed his opinions. To-day a passing steamer signalled, "Fighting still going on at the front," whereupon the bushies sent up a shriek of delight. This news is the first we have had since we left Hobart on March 5, so our mental condition may well be imagined. A distant glimpse of Western Australia on March 12, and once afterwards a far-off steamer's smoke, are all the evidences that we have seen of the outer world till we sighted South African soil. It has been, therefore, a lonely passage, varied only by the changes of the weather, by two upper deck concerts (one on the evening of St. Patrick's Day), by the gentle excitement of getting vaccinated, and by the occasional death of a horse. Of the latter we have so far lost seven, and hope that no more will succumb. On the whole the steeds look remarkably well, and the pawing and biting that start when "feed" is on is proof that in spite of all the discomforts of narrow stables and the pitching and rolling a horse's life on a troopship is not altogether an unhappy one. Neither is that of a bushman afloat, at least not entirely so, for most of the lads have settled down to sealife, and are as jolly as jacktars. A few have suffered severely from sea-sickness, but only a few, and at the present moment I do not think there is one seasick bushman aboard. For all that, I think they will all be glad to reach firm land once more, and to-day's brief war news, coupled as it is with the certainty of their going to the front, has raised the spirits of them all.

WHAT DISCIPLINE INVOLVES.

Poor bushies! At Kensington they were the admired and petted of everyone. They left Sydney and Hobart amidst the plaudits of thousands; but as soon as the latter place was behind them the iron hand of discipline fell heavily. During the early part of the voyage, when seasickness was rife, woebegone bushmen were to be found curled up in all manner of corners, some even in empty horse-stalls. From the freedom and unrestraint of the Australian bush to the confinement and strict discipline of a troopship is a change indeed. But the Australian back-blocker has proved himself a very adaptable creature, and has accommodated himself to entirely novel surroundings with great good temper and intelligence. If you asked one of them what the chief grievances were aboard ship I think he would say there is a bit too much bossing; ship biscuits are too hard and musty; we have to eat, sleep, and work always by rule of thumb. Life has been an almost eternal round of "stables," meals, "fatigue," and sleep.

RECREATION ON BOARD.

We have a concertina and a violin aboard, and one trooper from Monaro, rejoicing in the title of "King Mulga Billy," recites "The Man from Snowy River" to an appreciative audience on the upper deck forward after tea. A few indulge in boxing contests, and others beguile the evening hours with songs and yarns. We have had two open-air concerts since we left Hobart, one on St Patrick's Night, but I must say it was rather of a drawing-room than a bushman's camp character, bush songs being conspicuous by their absence.

I must not forget to tell you that "Bushie," the regimental dog pet, is all right, but he has several rivals, the most formidable being a real Australian dingo, who has brought himself into great notoriety by setting up the most dismal howling whenever the trumpets sound. Another pet was a "'possum," but he soon vanished, being last seen up the rigging.

PROVISIONS AND COMFORTS.

All the presentation bullocks and sheep are now killed, and I can assure the donors that no gifts were more appreciated than these. They kept in splendid condition, and just lasted out the voyage nicely. A parcel of woollen caps, socks, cotton handkerchiefs, housewives, &c., the gifts of kind lady friends, were found most useful, and will, we hope, go with us to the front. I say "us," because I trust it will be my fortunate lot to be with the bushies in all or some of their wanderings. I love these men—that is, the genuine bushmen—for they are manly, simple, generous hearted fellows, taking them all round. Some there are amongst them who are spurious. The true bushman is the soul of honour, hard-working, obliging, and decent in all his ways.

RUNNING DOWN THE COAST.

We are running down the coast, with a magnificent panorama of mountains, cliffs, and headlands, barren and forbidding, frowning at us newcomers from a new continent to ancient Africa. "What have you to do with Africa?" they seem to say solemnly. The answer comes, "Because we are British, as your time-worn ridges are British, and we hope to assist at the opening of a new era of peace and progress for the interior land which you guard." Several troopships have passed us. We can get little news from them, but their presence seems to indicate business. One had khaki-clad troopers aboard, and another seemed to have a cargo of mules bound for Durban, we suppose. Troopers eagerly ask of their officers, "Where are those steamers going to?" "Are we likely to be sent on to Durban?" and other questions impossible to be answered till we arrive at Capetown. The sun sets gloriously in the west, and the rugged peaks are wrapped in a soft purple mist and fade from view and right above the Cape lighthouse, now in view, looks out the evening star. Seldom have I seen a sight of greater peacefulness and beauty. The massed trumpeters on the upper deck sound "the retreat" at sunset, and at 9 p.m. "lights out" sends all to dreams of Australia behind and Africa before.

AT CAPETOWN.

CAPETOWN, March 31.

We are in harbour, with Table Mountain and curious conical-shaped hills before us. It is a glorious morning, and the bay is full of shipping. A bundle of newspapers is brought on board and simply rushed, but the war news is meagre and disappointing. All we can gain is that fighting is still going on. We are told we may not land to-day at all. No one seems to bother much about us, and we contrast our reception with the warm one we got at Hobart. But after all troops are now no novelty at Capetown, and we are but a handful of dingy-looking brown-clad warriors from a far-off place called "Australia."

April 1.—We are still at anchor in the bay. The men are all anxious to get on land, but are forbidden to go ashore. This afternoon we received the news that we are not to land at all, but must up with the anchor and set out for Beira, where some important and interesting work awaits us, particulars of which we are asked not to divulge. At any rate, a great honour has been bestowed on the Bushmen in selecting them for this expedition, for such it is, and loud were the cheers when it was announced that we were off to the "big game" country, with plenty of fighting in prospect. It counterbalanced the disappointment of not going ashore. A few officers have gone ashore. The Mount Nelson Hotel is crammed with officers and visitors. Lady Roberts and other titled people are staying there, and Lord Roberts is expected here himself in a day or so. The Maplemore has not yet arrived, but when she does is to follow us to Beira. We are to get our carbines and stores to-morrow, and will be off as soon afterwards as possible.

THE THIRD CONTINGENT.

Now that the fate of the Third Infantry Contingent has been settled preparations are being made for the transferring of the men to their positions. Those who are not enrolled in the Permanent Force will have a chance of getting away as cattle-men in the steamers which are conveying horses for the Imperial troops in South Africa. To-morrow the majority of the men will be employed in assisting to ship 700 horses on board the steamer Kent at Pyrmont, and on Monday 200 men will be required to take another lot of horses from Darling Harbour to Woolloomooloo for shipment to the Cape. The camp at Rookwood will not be broken up for some time yet.

THE AUSTRALIAN BUSHMEN'S CONTINGENT.

The hon. secretary of the Australian Bushmen's Contingent Fund (Mr. J. M. Atkinson) acknowledges the receipt of the following donations to the fund to date, May 10:—

	£	s	d
Previously acknowledged ...	£35,737	9	5
Collected by Mrs. Hiddleston, Exchange Hotel ...	4	4	0
A.J.S. Bank, Limited, Moonagee Station (list 10): "Boundary rider," J. A. Clay, T. Walsh, A. Warren, B. Warren, G. Warren, 2s 6d each; Jos. Hargraves, W. Kelley, 5s each ...	1	5	0
E. H. Saunders, London, by his agent, W. G. Parish, Sydney ...	5	5	0
Total ...	£35,748	3	5

DEATH OF CORPORAL HARKUS.

NOWRA, Thursday.

News of the death of Corporal Harkus was received with much regret in this district, where Harkus was well known. He was a brother to Mrs. T. Marriott, with whom Mrs. Harkus and children were staying when the news was received.

DEATH OF A LANCER.

The Premier yesterday received a telegram from the High Commissioner in South Africa, reporting that No. 599, Private F. G. Fating, of the New South Wales Lancers, died of enteric fever at Bloemfontein on May 8.

COMFORTS FOR THE SOLDIERS.

It appears that many of the comforts for the soldiers recently acknowledged by Colonel Roberts, C.M.G., were supplied by the Newtown Superior Public School. The girl pupils and their friends made the articles, which were greatly appreciated.

LETTERS FROM THE FRONT.

CORPORAL PULSFORD.

Mr. Charles Nicoll has received a letter from Corporal H. S. Pulsford (1st Australian Horse), dated Bloemfontein, April 10. In it the writer says:—"I have dodged the bullets so far, though I have had some rare 'shaves.' We expect a general move forward on Thursday (April 12), and some heavy fighting is anticipated. We came straight to the front upon arrival, and have been on the firing line ever since, and I think have done good work. By all appearances we shall use Bloemfontein as the base of our operations for the winter, so you will have plenty of opportunities to write me." Corporal Pulsford is the son of the Hon. Edward Pulsford, M.L.C., and left Sydney with the second contingent of Australian Horse.

W. E. LEAROYD.

W. E. Learoyd, of the mounted bearer section of the A.M.C., writing to a friend at Liverpool from Steyndorp camp, near Bloemfontein, under date of March 17, says:—"We had a terrific march from Modder River camp, an eight days' tramp, most of the time through slush and rain on half rations. We had five engagements on the way, and were prepared both night and day for attack. At every place we came to the Boers cleared out and hung about our flanks and rear. At one place (Vryburg) we entered about 6 p.m., the Queenslanders and our fellows were told off for outlying pickets. We had a quiet night, but at daylight one of our pickets (a Queenslander) was shot in the mouth and also in the arm. This started the 'ball' for the day. Our fellows saddled up and, accompanied by the Queenslanders and a troop of Kitchener's Horse, tried to locate the enemy's position. Within half an hour our scouts were exchanging shots with the enemy, and we were soon in the thick of the fight, which was pretty warm for about three hours, by which time we had cleared the way and driven the Boers from their position. One of our Mounted Rifles was killed and eight wounded; three Queenslanders were wounded also. Dr. Cortes, with myself and three others of the Medical Corps, were in the thick of it, but we came through all right. The man next to me had a bullet go through his haversack and also through a tin of meat that was inside. Our fellows drove the Boers from two kopjes about 200 yards apart, and in retreating the Boers fired at right angles at both of them."

TROOPER W. BOND.

Trooper W. Bond, writing from Paardeberg under date of March 4, says:—"We are having a trying time of it. I have not had my clothes off for a month, and only one biscuit a day. I have been in about six engagements; the first one lasted five hours, and we could not fire a shot. We had 60 killed and wounded. Two of the Guides were shot dead first act. The bullets were coming like hail, and a gun they call the 'pom-pom,' or 'ten-a-penny,' gives you a bit of a shock. Three shells exploded about a yard from me. I lay flat on the ground, because they fly upwards. Once we had to retire and leave our Maxim gun, but we had the sense to smash it up before leaving. Then we returned to camp about 2 o'clock in the morning. The next engagement I was with the doctor, carrying the field dressings everywhere he went. The bullets were flying around my head. It's wonderful how I escaped."

VESTRY MEETINGS.

Waverley, St. Mary's.—Trustees' warden, Mr. E. S. Ebsworth; clergyman's warden, Mr. C. D. Goldie; people's warden, Mr. W. W. Simpson; parochial council, Messrs. M. Rainsford, A. L. Rowling, J. W. Edmonds, J. Caddy, H. Franklin, W. C. Adams, C. Walker, F. Pitney Martin, J. R. Bullough, H. H. Phillips, F. J. Fuller, T. B. Trebeck; parish nominators, Messrs. W. H. Simpson, E. S. Ebsworth, M. Rainsford, Holden, and W. W. Simpson; auditor, Mr. A. L. Rowling; representative ruridecanal chapter, Mr. T. B. Trebeck.

TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I do not know whether the general policy of the present Government gives satisfaction or not. It is certain that at all events there has been a great awakening in the administration of the Post Office. We have had a much needed inquiry into the working (or non-working) of our telephones, and the cable rates and system have been intelligently inquired into. Now as a business man may I suggest a reform, which to me, and to many others in the commercial world seems to be absolutely demanded. I refer to the manner in which telegraphic and cablegraphic messages are sent out to the public. In Great Britain and America all messages are sent out type-written, so that the receivers can have no possible doubt as to the meaning of the message. This system has been adopted because it was found that to merchants and others the illegible writing of telegraph clerks often involved the most serious mistakes, and entailed heavy losses. But New South Wales religiously declined to adopt this system, although the "small State" of Queensland has long ago had it in force. I trust that our very up-to-date Postmaster-General will see the advisableness of bringing about a small but valuable reform, which will make for the increased efficiency of his department. In America the typewriting staff attached to the post office are so efficient that they take down on their machines direct the messages sent through by the electric telegraph. That is, as they hear, they transcribe. Fancy the immense saving of time and money to the business public.

Yours, &c.,
FRANK COFFEE.

May 10.

The attendance of the public at the undermentioned Technological Museums for the month of April, in the afternoons only, was as follows:—Sydney, 5201; Bathurst, 2703; West Maitland, 2507; Newcastle, 2139; Goulburn, 1956; Albury, 720.

Colonel Harry Finn, Major H. V. King—Queensland military portraits in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

"Queen Elizabeth" at Her Majesty's, illustrated in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

INOCULATION RESUMED TO-DAY.

DREDGING ON THE FORESHORES.

The following fresh cases have been reported:—Henry Sarius, 17, Balmain; Alice Carroll, 16, of Paddington (four contacts); and Mitchell, 56, of the city.

The following patients were ordered for release yesterday by the Board of Health from the Quarantine Convalescent Home:—Joseph Leslie, John Hennessy, William Brown, Sidney Smith, William Taylor, Gatano Daliadi, John Toms, Arthur Higginson, Michael O'Sullivan, Emily La Freuze, John Quill, James Dovey, and Hugo Bogan. Last night there were 94 patients in the hospital, and 143 contacts in the segregation pavilions.

The daily report concerning the state of the patients shows the usual fluctuations. On Wednesday several of them were very unwell, though some had been improving on the previous day. Yesterday, again, they were doing well, and only two out of the whole number are mentioned as being in a critical condition.

Inoculations will be resumed this afternoon in the basement of the Town Hall. It will be necessary for those wishing to obtain the safeguard against the plague which inoculation affords to make application at the Town Hall this morning and to come up for operation this afternoon. Two medical men—Dr. Sheils, one of the Board of Health staff, and Dr. A. A. Doyle—will perform the inoculations, and subjects will enter the building by the Druitt-street entrance.

The barriers at the Redfern quarantined area were removed last night, the work being completed. At the Riley-street area of the city work was not finished, and it will probably take the whole of to-day, as the area is a large one, so large, indeed, that it has been divided into three sections. Next week, in all probability, operations will begin in a new area in the vicinity of George-street.

Mr. Hickson, Under-Secretary for Works, and Mr. George M'Credie paid a visit to the wharfs yesterday afternoon for the purpose of pushing on the work of repair and getting them freed. As the planking has been removed it is discovered that more filling in beneath the decks has to be done than was anticipated at first, therefore it will not be surprising if it is found impossible to re-open them on Tuesday next, as was at first intended. The Balmain Ferry wharfs will, however, be re-opened on Saturday, and all the delay in opening will be in connection with the wharfs occupied by intercolonial boats.

A return has been prepared showing the amount of silt raised by the dredges at the foreshores in the quarantined areas since the beginning of operations. Part of the time three dredges have been at work, and a lesser number for another part. However, the total amount raised up to Saturday last was 31,940 tons. This has all been taken out to sea.

The rat-catching work seems to be falling off. Yesterday's total was 575.

CITIZENS' VIGILANCE COMMITTEE.

A GRATIFYING PROGRESS REPORT.

A well-attended meeting of the committee and delegates from the sectional committees was held at the Town Hall last night. Dr. J. Graham, M.L.A., president, and amongst those present were Messrs. J. J. Cohen and J. Garland, Ms.L.A., G. Lewis, Dr. Knaggs, J. S. Bray, Alex. Bruce, R. Spriggs, E. Lee, W. D. Johnstone, the Rev. J. K. Turner, Alderman T. Hughes, D. Campbell, E. Morris, R. Dennis, H. Daley, E. Elliott, L. Dobbin, Mesdames Broderick, Courtney Smith, G. Gibson, and H. Wilson. The report of the executive was read by Mr. J. Garland, M.L.A. Some of its interesting matters were as follows:—

During the week 30 complaints as to nuisances were reported to the Board of Health, 34 to the City Council, 2 to the Railway Department, and 10 otherwise dealt with, making a total of 76, as against 72 for the week preceding. Branches had been formed to carry on the crusade against insanitary conditions. Early in the week the danger of having but one depot for the receipt of rats, thus necessitating all rats caught at a distance being brought into the city, was dealt with, and letters were sent to the Board of Health regarding it. Later, on receipt of representations that rats were being brought into the city by tram, the chairman and the honorary secretaries waited on the president of the Board of Health and urged the advisability of establishing local depots for the receipt and destruction of rats. This he promised would be done. The Board of Health had been asked to advise what are the most improved methods of rat trapping and poisoning, and what are the best poisons and disinfectants to use. On receipt of this information pamphlets will be prepared for public distribution, so that all will know the best way of attacking the common foe, the rat. It was pointed out that although poison and disinfectants are supplied free by local authorities (municipal councils, &c.) it is impossible for a person who wishes to pay to obtain poison and disinfectants from this source. The Board of Health had been written to, urging that this be remedied, and that arrangements be made for local authorities to sell as well as to give away poison and disinfectants. Attention had been drawn to two city areas which are in such an insanitary condition as to render it desirable that they should be quarantined and cleansed. Two inspectors to work under the direction of the committee had been appointed by the Government. One very serious matter was brought under notice during the week, viz., the fact that, of the cases of plague that had occurred recently in Paddington, two were men who had been in the habit of sleeping on straw. This was a matter to which the public attention should be strongly drawn. The Water and Sewerage Board had stated that the proposal to fill the whole of the sewers on one night with sulphur fumes was impracticable. The insanitary conditions arising from the presence in the city of a large number of stables, poultry-houses, &c., has received attention. No decision has as yet been arrived at as to how the poultry question should be dealt with, but a resolution had been forwarded to the Board of Health recommending that the keeping of a horse or horses in the metropolitan area in stables not connected with the sewerage system should be prohibited forthwith. The Board of Health is to be written to forwarding a resolution which was carried to-day,—"That it is a matter of imperative necessity that no house or other building should be used for the purposes of a private hospital unless duly licensed by the health authorities for that purpose, and that all such places so licensed be subject to regular and systematic inspection." (Applause.)

Dr. Graham referred to the fact that there had been an average attendance of 40 or 50 at the regular meetings, and that a vast amount of work had been done. Polemical or debateable matters had not been touched, and he desired the sectional committees to argue matters out before bringing them to the executive. What was wanted was a very little talk and a great deal of work. The work done so far was largely clerical, and it involved an enormous tax upon all concerned. The committee had recommended to the proprietors of a large and important place of amusement that certain drastic improvements should be carried out. The recommendations were ignored, and the committee threatened to put the provisions of the Criminal Law Amendment Act in force. The result was a prompt remedy for the trouble complained of. The response by merchants and citizens, both financially and otherwise, had been satisfactory. The committee wanted no other powers than those of vigilance, backed by public opinion, and they had these. Names of people who forwarded complaints were regarded as confidential. The Premier had recognised the methods adopted by the committee, and had expressed his assurance of their value and desire to avoid assuming any function to which the community was not entitled. In reply to a request that had been made in the press that a sanitary expert engineer should be engaged, the president of the Board of Health had stated that what was more valuable was an expert rat-catcher.

The name of Mr. S. Smith, M.L.A., was added to the committee.

Mr. D. Campbell suggested some practical sanitary arrangements for houses.

Messrs. G. Lewis, E. Elliott, H. Daley, and others referred to the functions of sectional committees and other matters.

All speakers were restricted to five minutes, and a commendably prompt despatch of business was done.

COOK DIVISION.

At a meeting of the committee of this branch of the Citizens' Vigilance Committee, held at 38 Lansdowne-street, Surry Hills, on Wednesday night, Dr. Hodgson, and Messrs. H. N. Collins, A. Carlisle, J. J. Smith, and Shoults were elected as the executive committee. Mr. Collins was appointed chairman of the committee and the representative of Cook Division on the central executive. Mr. Carlisle was appointed hon. secretary pro tem., and Mr. Shoults hon treasurer.

THE STEAMER TRAFFIC.

The Premier was waited upon yesterday by Messrs. G. Howarth and E. M. Clark, Ms.L.A., who asked that the Lane Cove and Parramatta steamers should be allowed to berth at Circular Quay, as there was no desire on the part of the companies interested to return to Darling Harbour. Mr. Lyne stated that no doubt room could be found for these steamers at the Quay, but a difficulty might arise in connection with the congestion of the ferry traffic there. He had received a report from Captain Jackson, and would await one from Captain Eddie before he came to a conclusion on the matter.

WEXFORD-STREET QUARANTINE AREA.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

Dr. Graham, M.L.A., introduced a deputation of property owners and others to the Premier yesterday, and a complaint was made by them that they had suffered loss through the cleansing operations carried out in the Wexford-street quarantine area. In one instance was complained that a house had been completely pulled down. A statement was made to the effect that a blacksmith's forge had been moved, and that this interfered with the man earning his livelihood. In another case a fence had been taken away, and a number of minor complaints were made.

The Premier stated that, without establishing a precedent, he would, if the people were poor, and it was shown that they had suffered material loss, see what steps he could take to assist them. If a list of the loss sustained was sent to him he would see that justice was done in the matter.

EXHIBITION BUILDING AS A PLAGUE HOSPITAL.

STRONG PROTEST FROM REDFERN.

At a meeting of the Redfern Council, held last evening, the Mayor (Alderman Vernon) drew attention to a paragraph in yesterday's issue of the "Herald" in reference to a discussion in the City Council on the previous day on the question of establishing a plague hospital at the Exhibition Building, Prince Alfred Park. The council clerk having read the paragraph spoken of, the Mayor said Cleveland-street, one of the boundaries of this park, was the chief portion of the borough of Redfern, in which the largest and most valuable property had been built. The Exhibition itself was in close proximity to the Cleveland-street Public School, where over 1000 children attended daily and played in the park. He thought such an idea was monstrous, and should be objected to on behalf of a large population of people living near this building and the many others who passed it daily.

Alderman Gorton moved "That a protest of a strong character be entered by this council against the proposal of the City Council, and the assistance of the neighbouring councils be asked in the matter, and that such protest be at once forwarded to the Government." The building was unsuitable in every way for the purpose proposed, and it was only a move on the part of the City Council to get rid of the building, which at present was to them a white elephant.

Alderman Poole seconded the motion. He hoped this council would not rest until such a movement was put a stop to. The members for the district should be asked to interfere at once.

Several of the aldermen warmly supported the motion, which was carried unanimously. The Mayor was thanked for his prompt action.

PRECAUTIONS AT RANDWICK.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Randwick Council the aldermen concurred the appointment by the Mayor (Alderman T. Powell) of a rat-catcher with pay at the rate of 7s per day). This official presented his first report, which stated that since April 26 he had been busy distributing poison, more particularly in the Mill Hill district, where rats were discovered in about 20 per cent. of the houses. He was unable to say actually how many rodents had been killed, but from 80 to 100 had been found dead on the surface of the ground, whilst a number of complaints had been made regarding dead rats under the flooring of houses. The inspector of nuisances reported that stringent precautions were still being taken in regard to the sanitation of the borough. Disinfectants were being distributed, and streets and lanes kept clean, whilst the personal house-to-house visitation had been continued, and in many cases second inspections made. In West Ward in one large building the drainage was allowed to flow into an adjacent paddock, and at the rear there were several buildings which appeared to be a good harbour for rats. He recommended that such buildings should be pulled down. Two cases of infectious disease had occurred during the fortnight, and one case at Mill Hill of supposed plague. The patient was a boy of 9, and the premises where he resided were very clean. He was now convalescent. The report was adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF SANITARY INSPECTORS.

At Tuesday night's meeting of the Drummoyne Council, Alderman P. J. Byrne moved,—"That in the opinion of this council the time has arrived for the Government, in the interest of the public health, to appoint sanitary inspectors for the various municipalities, such inspectors to be responsible to the Public Health Department for true and faithful reports with respect to the sanitary condition of each of the premises, &c., in the said municipalities." Such a step, he said, would be the means of giving the sanitary inspectors much more independence in carrying out their duties. They, under such conditions, would not be afraid of aldermanic influence. Such appointments would, he contended, also do away with the present method existing in a large number of the municipalities of placing men in the positions of sanitary inspectors totally unfitted and unqualified for the positions. The resolution was seconded by Alderman G. A. Richards, supported by a number of the remaining aldermen, and carried unanimously. It was also decided, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, "That a copy of the foregoing resolution be forwarded to the several municipal councils, asking for an expression of opinion, and if favourable their co-operation, in placing the matter before the Premier on a date to be fixed, of which due notice will be given."

INSANITARY DWELLINGS AT REDFERN.

REPORT BY DR. ARMSTRONG.

At a meeting of the Redfern Council last evening a letter was read from Dr. Armstrong, of the Health Department, in which he reported that on May 9, accompanied by the Mayor of Redfern (Alderman Vernon) and the council clerk (Mr. Grierson), he had made an inspection of all dwellings on the eastern side of Alderson-street, Redfern. He found a large number of them unfit for human habitation. He advised that action be taken against the owners in such cases under part 4 of the Public Health Act to compel them to put such houses into a sanitary condition. Then follows a detailed list of the improvements required, which are of a very drastic nature. Altogether about 40 houses were found to be in an insanitary condition, and they were all situated within the same area. In every case where repairs are to be effected the owners will be required by the Health Board to place a damp-proof basement of concrete or asphalt under each house.

Alderman Poole moved that the report be received. He considered that the whole of these places would have to be pulled down because it was impossible to put them into proper repair. The council in the past had had no power to deal with such places. There was no doubt that where these houses were built, which was the old Albert Cricket Ground, and which had been filled in with rubbish, buildings should never have been erected. He was glad the Government had come to the assistance of the council at last, and he hoped that every necessary action would be taken to deal with this matter. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion, which was supported by several of the aldermen and carried.

In reply to a question, the Mayor said he intended consulting the Attorney-General on the subject at once, and it was decided to leave the matter in the Mayor's hands.

WOOLLAHRA SANITARY VIGILANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Woollahra sanitary vigilance committee was held at the council-chambers on Tuesday evening, at which Mr. A. Forbes-Angus presided. The chairman explained that the principal business was to receive a report from the sub-committee which was appointed at the last meeting to wait upon the Mayor (Alderman W. F. Latimer) with reference to the work of the committee. Mr. Campbell said as a member of the committee he waited upon the Mayor on the 4th instant, and during the course of a long interview he ascertained that the Mayor was undoubtedly doing all that was possible in maintaining the borough in a sanitary condition. The committee were shown abundant evidence by the books of the council that all complaints were properly noted and immediately attended to. The Mayor assured the deputation that no complaint whatever had been received from the local sanitary vigilance committee. Four additional inspectors had been appointed.

PRECAUTIONS AT NOUMEA.

Our correspondent at Noumea, writing under date of May 4, says:—The steamer Birkgate arrived at 6 p.m. on April 30. The passengers landed at 9 o'clock next morning, after being fumigated. They have to go to the hospital every morning (until the 12 days are up) to be fumigated. The M.M. steamer Ville de la Ciotat arrived at 4.30 p.m. on May 1, and was granted pratique at 6 p.m. same day, as she had no passengers on board from Australia. Her goods were transhipped into punts. All goods from infected ports are landed at a part of the wharf set apart for that purpose. Where the cargo of any vessel consists of wheat, peas, or other similar produce, new bags are substituted for the old ones, thus enabling an examination to be made for the purpose of seeing whether any rats have found their way amongst the cargo.

RATS AT REDFERN.

At a meeting of the Redfern Council held last evening the acting local sanitary inspector presented a special report in regard to the destruction of rats in the borough. The report pointed out that the inspector had visited a number of houses and laid rat poison, but in several cases without effect; however, in one house where there had been a case of plague a large number of dead rats had been found in the yard. In another place a number were found dead under the floors. In one house no less than 23 dead rats had been taken from under the floors, and the carpenter who had been employed to remove them contracted the plague, was taken to the quarantine ground, and died of the disease. The report further stated that in a number of other places dead rats were taken from under the flooring. In one case there were four, in a second 14, and in a third 15. All these had been destroyed. The report was adopted.

NEW ZEALAND FREE FROM PLAGUE.

AUCKLAND, Thursday.

His Excellency the Governor has reported to the Health officer of Cook Islands that New Zealand is perfectly clean, and that there are no cases of plague in the colony.

ALBURY, Thursday.

The Mayor has succeeded in securing a cottage in an isolated position for the reception of any plague patients who may be discovered at Albury. The cottage is on the Wagga road, about three miles from Albury.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

No fresh cases of plague have been reported at Port Adelaide, and it is confidently hoped that the existing case is a solitary example. The patient is reported to be as well as can be expected.

When the German liner Gera arrived at the Semaphore from Melbourne to-day she caused a sensation by hoisting the yellow flag. On the health officer (Dr. Gething) boarding her the ship's surgeon reported that the suspicious illness of one of the firemen had given him much anxiety. Dr. Gething examined the patient, and considered the case sufficiently serious to warrant putting the vessel into quarantine, and then proceeded to the city to consult Dr. Ramsay Smith, who returned with Dr. Gething. They examined the man, who was suffering from enlarged glands and other suspicious swellings. He had been ashore at Sydney, which made the case all the more suspicious. After consultation the doctors ordered the man to be taken to the quarantine station, and the working of the cargo was proceeded with under proper restrictions.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

A bulletin was issued from the plague hospital at Cairncross at 9.30 to-night. It states that the patient Drennan suffered a serious relapse during the day. The patient Mrs. Knight is very weak, but is perhaps a little better, while the patients Bishop and Aspernell are doing well.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The plague patient Cooper is progressing favourably. His attack is a very mild one. No further plague case was reported in the city or suburbs.

The Government intends to proceed at once with the erection of a plague hospital on Coode Island at an estimated cost of £10,000.

NEWCASTLE.

THE COALMINES' REGULATION ACT.

ALLEGED BREACH AT WALLSEND.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

At the Wallsend Police Court this morning, before Mr. L. S. Donaldson, S.M., Alexander Ross, jun., manager of the Wallsend Colliery, appeared to answer a summons issued at the instance of Thomas L. Bates, inspector of collieries, charging him with a breach of the Coalmines' Regulation Act in having failed to pay certain miners employed in the said colliery according to the actual weight of the coal gotten by them. Mr. J. V. Tillett, of the Crown Law Office, appeared for the prosecution; and Mr. W. Sparke conducted the defence.

Thomas Lionel Bates deposed that he visited the Wallsend Colliery on April 2 last, and observed the system of weighing coal being pursued there. The whole of the coal was weighed, large and small, but not together. The large was weighed in the waggons, but the small was weighed in a hopper before being put into the waggons.

By Mr. Sparke: The system had been in operation for some months. The same method for weighing the large existed formerly. The apparatus for weighing the small was separate from that of the large. The small coal was weighed by a "Billy Fairplay" machine. There were four of these at the mine, but only three were in use at present. When the large and small were separated the large was run on a band to the waggon, where it was weighed skip by skip, the "token" on the skip showing to what man the coal should be credited. He could not say what the percentage of small would be, but it could be ascertained with pretty definite accuracy, and could have been tested in a long course of years. The system referred to had not been altered in his experience in the district, about 13 years. He was quite satisfied with the manner in which the weighing was conducted.

By Mr. Tillett: The actual amount of small coal in a skip could not be ascertained except by weighing.

By the Bench: The intended effect of the weighing provisions of the Act was that the miner would be paid exactly for the quantity of coal gotten.

William Bower, a miner employed in the Wallsend Colliery and president of the Colliery Employees' Federation, said he was working mates with Robert Cameron. They were paid for the coal they wrought by the ton at the rate of 3s 2d per ton. On April 20 they were paid for 42 tons 9cwt. and 3qr., round coal only, a fortnight's work. During the fortnight they sent out a certain quantity of small with the large. On one day the quantity of small amounted to 22cwt. 1qr. That resulted from coal filled into the skip as large coal. They received no payment for this 22cwt. 1qr. of small. The Wallsend coal made about 20 per cent. of small on an average.

By Mr. Sparke: The hewing rate of 3s 2d per ton was held to include small coal—that is, the rate was based originally on the fact that only 80 per cent. of the coal wrought was taken to be round and the remaining 20 per cent. as small. The percentages of round and small were fixed by a committee of proprietors and miners. Negotiations between the two parties were still going on with regard to this matter. At West Wallsend Colliery, where the large and small coal were weighed together, the hewing rate was 2s 8½d per ton, and it was based on the assumption that there was present 20 per cent. of small. At Wallsend colliery five machines had been erected for weighing screened small. The small coal was generally filled with shovels. The screens at Wallsend had a ¾in. mesh. His contract with the company was to fill large, clean coal. Any stone or band sent out by a miner was picked out on the screens. The miners had no check-weighman for weighing the small where witness was working. There was no necessity for one, seeing that the miners were not paid for the small. He was not then making any claim for the small coal he had gotten during the fortnight in question. He merely attended to give evidence in compliance with a subpoena from the Inspector of Collieries.

By Mr. Sparke: During witness's experience as a miner in the district since 1869 the miners had never been paid for small coal.

James Milburn said he was one of the check-weighmen at the Wallsend Colliery. During the fortnight ending April 14 he weighed the coal sent out by Bower and Cameron. The quantity was as stated by Bower. The coal was weighed after it had passed over the screens. It was not the total weight of all the coal sent out by them. As well as the large coal there was screened small coal sent out by them, and that was not included in the 42 tons 9cwt. 3qr. On 11th April he made a test of one skip and found there was 3cwt. 1qr. of small and 12cwt. 1qr. of large coal contained in it. There was a percentage in every skip of small coal which went through the screens, and for which no payment was made to the miner. "Pit small" was paid for by the company at so much per skip.

This closed the case for the prosecution.

Mr. Sparke applied for an adjournment in order to give him an opportunity to prepare the defence.

The S. M. adjourned the case until Wednesday next at Newcastle.

Several cases of a similar nature against other colliery managers of the district have also been fixed for hearing on Wednesday at Newcastle.

VISIT OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS.

A SERIES OF DEPUTATIONS.

The Railway Commissioners paid their periodical visit to Newcastle to-day, and had to meet a batch of deputations as usual. The Commissioners were accompanied by Mr. John Harper (chief traffic manager), Mr. James Fraser (assistant engineer-in-chief), Mr. J. Parry (outdoor superintendent of the Southern line), Mr. H. Richardson (outdoor superintendent of the Northern and Western lines). Mr. W. G. Kitching (district superintendent) was also present; and Mr. Cecil Darley (Engineer-in-Chief of the Harbours and Rivers Branch) represented the Works Department in matters where that branch of the service was concerned, notably those relating to the Dyke.

The first deputation seen was a joint one from the Chamber of Commerce and the hydraulic crane contractors, who desired to point out the necessity for such an alteration in the system of working cranes at the dyke as would obviate loss and inconvenience occasioned to shipping by undue detention of vessels. Mr. Fehon replied that the detention of vessels complained of was caused by a great increase in activity at the port, secondly by want of sufficient buoys, and thirdly on account of the short time worked by men on the grab dredge. Additional accommodation at the Dyke would have been provided long since, but the cranes ordered from Messrs. Armstrong and Mitchell in England had been delayed because of the difficulty the firm had in fulfilling the order by reason of the war in South Africa. Mr. Darley also replied, and the deputation was assured that both departments would do their best to afford immediate relief regarding the detention of ships.

The Commissioners dealt with several other questions brought under their notice by the crane contractors, and advised that in any difficulty they might encounter they should see Mr. Kitching, who would give them all assistance possible.

The Carrington Council asked for the installation of an arc light at Young-street crossing. This was granted. They also asked for an alteration of signalling arrangements at the mortuary station. Mr. Fehon pointed out that there was a possibility of the erection of a new overhead bridge near the station, which would do away with delays in crossing the line and give improved access to Carrington bridge. In reply to a request that Hunter-street West be straightened at Union-street, the Commissioners said this matter would have to stand in abeyance, as the land which would be required for the purpose would be needed for the high-level bridge leading to Carrington bridge.

Delegates from the municipal councils of Newcastle, Hamilton, Wickham, Lambton, New Lambton, and Merewether joined in an appeal for the introduction of an extensive scheme of penny sections on the trams of the district. The Commissioners replied that a trial of penny sections was now being made in connection with the Sydney trams, and before giving any definite promise on the subject they would require to know the result of that trial. If the system proved successful on the trams of the metropolitan area they would be glad to extend it to Newcastle.

The Commissioners, with Messrs. Darley, Harper, and Kitching, then proceeded to inspect certain works either completed or in progress at Hamilton and other places in the district.

Racing at Forbes. "Galtee More's" illustrated article in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

(Continued from Page 4.)

Custom-house.—Entered outwards: May 10. Harport, s., 1747 tons, Captain M. M. Osborne, for Rockhampton, via ports; Nelson, s., 90 tons, Captain C. J. Read, for Burketown, via Maryborough.

Captain G. Walker reports that the steamer Allowrie left Eden on the 9th instant, at 8 a.m., calling at the usual intermediate ports, entered Sydney Heads on the 10th instant, at 10 a.m., and arrived at Darling Island wharf at 10.45 a.m. Experienced moderate to light southerly winds throughout.

Captain J. Gibb reports that the steamer Oonah left Hobart at 11.40 p.m. on the 7th instant, rounded Tasman Island at 2.50 a.m. on the 8th, Schouten Island at 7.20 a.m., Cape Barren at 4.20 p.m., Gabo Island at 5.55 a.m. on the 9th, Montague Island at 1 p.m., entered Sydney Heads at 6.30 a.m. on the 10th, and arrived alongside the wharf at 1.30 a.m. Experienced moderate northerly winds and fine weather to Cape Barren; thence strong S.W. to S. winds and high sea to arrival.

Captain Nelson reports that the steamer Electra crossed the Richmond bar at 3.30 p.m. on the 8th, and arrived in Sydney at 8 a.m. on the 10th instant. Experienced variable winds, with rain, during the passage.

The ship Tuskar, from Capetown, in ballast, which has come here to load for Europe for the Australian Kerosene and Shale Company, reports head winds across the Southern Ocean. The vessel anchored off Mosman's Bay.

THE MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Australia arrived at Colombo on Wednesday morning last.

The French mail steamer Pacifique left Noumea on the 9th instant at 5 p.m., and may be expected in Sydney next Sunday, 13th instant.

The mails which left Sydney per R.M.S. Miowera on March 28 arrived in London on May 7.

The R.M.S. Oroya left Colombo on Monday, May 7, at 8 p.m.

The M.M. Company's Australien left Colombo homewards on May 5.

The M.M. Company's Polynesien left Colombo homewards on May 7.

THE CHINGTU.

Messrs. G. S. Yuill and Co., the new agents for the China Navigation line, note that the Chingtu sailed from Hongkong on April 12 with a full cargo and full passenger list, calling at Macao to take in opium. Fine weather was experienced crossing the China Sea to Manila, at which port she arrived on April 14, and sailed again at midnight on the 16th. Moderate winds and fine weather prevailed to Port Darwin, which was reached on April 23. Leaving there on the 27th, the vessel called at Thursday Island on April 30, Cooktown on May 2, Cairns the 3rd, Townsville the 4th, and Brisbane on May 8. Fresh S.E. trades and moderate seas were met with on the Queensland coast to Brisbane, at which port many of the southern passengers left, preferring to travel by rail to the other colonies. The steamer left Brisbane on the night of the 8th, and had fine weather to Smoky Cape, then a moderate southerly gale, with high sea, to Port Stephens, and thence fine weather to arrival.

THE FEDERAL LINE.

The Kent will finish at Government Wharf to-day, and on Saturday is to take in 600 horses. They are coming down from Newcastle. She sails on Saturday for Albany, South Africa, and London.

The Cornwall takes 125 horses from Bowen and 600 from Sydney or Newcastle. The vessel will arrive at Melbourne next Wednesday afternoon from London, via Cape and Fremantle. She takes 20,000 crates of rabbits at Melbourne, comes to Sydney for coal, thence to Queensland returning to Sydney.

The Devon follows the Cornwall. She is due at Cape Otway May 24, via South Africa. At Melbourne she loads a large quantity of rabbits before coming to Sydney.

THE SHIRE LINE.

Messrs. Dalgety and Co., Limited, have the Fifeshire due here in a few days from London. A report from Melbourne states that the Fifeshire, in command of Captain Coull, left London on March 5, when fine weather held to Gibraltar on the 9th. Then a hard gale was encountered, and on 15th a call to bunker was made at Las Palmas. A call at the Cape took place on April 3, and East London on 6th, where a stay of three days was made. The long run to Australia followed in pleasant weather conditions, which continued on to Melbourne. The steamer carried 630 mules from Gibraltar to Capetown.

HARBOUR REMOVALS.

The steamer Afric berthed yesterday at the White Star Wharf.

The Danish barque Cimbria will be moved to-day from Parbury's Wharf to an anchorage in the stream.

The ship Brenda will be towed to Newcastle to-night.

CHARTERS.

Messrs. Nelson and Robertson report:—
Corolla, ship, Liverpool to New Zealand.
Indianic, s., New York to New Zealand.
St Ronald, s., Newcastle to Manila.
Melbourne, s., Newcastle to Java.
Verne, s., Newcastle to Java.
Adolph Harboe, barque, Newcastle to Algoa Bay.
Inverene, barque, Newcastle to San Francisco.
St. Mungo, ship, Newcastle to West Coast.
Josefa, barque, Newcastle to West Coast.
Gifford, four-masted barque, Liverpool to Sydney.

Mr. John White reports:—My London friends advise me by mail that the following fixtures have been made since their last advices:—
Doris, now at Fremantle, Newcastle to West Coast.
Alex Lawrence, barque, West Australia to Cape ports.
Lady Isabella, ship, New Zealand to United Kingdom or Continent.
Ingrid, barque, now at Cape, will load again Western Australia to Cape ports.
Norden, this vessel is also chartered to load at Western Australia for Cape ports.
William Tillie, ship, now at the Cape, loads ore at New Caledonia for Swansea.
The schooner Whangaroa and barquentine St. Kilda load at Sydney for Wanganui.
Dongola, s., Port Pirie to United Kingdom or Continent.

PASSAGES ENGAGED BY THE P. AND O. COMPANY'S HIMALAYA.

Mail advices note that the Himalaya, which left London on the 5th ultimo and Colombo on April 29, had booked passengers as under:—Mr. and Mrs. Austin, Mr. W. F. Allens, Mr. D. Adams, Mr. K. D. Adams, Major and Mrs. R. F. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barclay, Mr. C. Beale, Mr. E. Bothwell, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Borles, Mrs. Baird, Mr. H. Bell, Mr. G. Bruce, Mr. J. C. Bassett, Mr. C. F. Beddard, Mr. H. Brewster, Major A. R. Braid, Miss Baird, Captain Buchanan, Mr. H. L. Brown, Mr. L. C. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Bloomfield, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Burns, Misses M. and B. Bayley, Mrs. Catt, Mr. C. E. G. Crocker, Mr. H. Collbran, Surgeon-lieutenant and Mrs. Coleman, Captain Cardew, Mr. W. Clarke, Mr. E. Warre Cornish, Mr. J. E. Corbould, Mr. K. Clarke, Mr. J. G. Crompton, Miss Crompton, Mr. A. Clark, Miss Carstairs, Mr. and Mrs. Cardew, Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Chamberlain, Major and Mrs. Carnegy, Miss Mary Choate, Captain A. W. Carey, Colonel Cooke, Mr. R. Court, Rev. W. N. Cooper, Mr. A. C. Cooper, Mr. J. H. Douglas, Mrs. Deverell, Misses Deverell, Mr. R. W. Davies, Mr. Dowling, Mrs. Dorrington, Lord George Dundas, Mr. J. H. English, Mr. P. H. English, Mr. M. B. Elliott, Mr. England, Messrs. G. H. and A. Francis, Mr. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. MacA. Filgat, Mr. J. A. Fynn, Mr. M. Frankenbury, Mr. S. H. and Miss Fantel-Phillips, Mr. C. F. Fellows, Mrs. Gowings, Lady S. Gilmour, Mr. A. Gwyther, Mr. C. Goodall, Mr. John Gee, Mr. and Mrs. A. Grey, Mr. P. J. Gaylord, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. F. A. Houblar, Mr. B. A. Hodgson, Hon. C. Harris, Second-lieutenant Hughes, Mr. R. T. Hooper, Mr. P. Hall, Mr. E. Horne, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Gwyn Howell, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hammond, Lieutenant and Mrs. Hand, Mr. G. F. Hancock, Mr. Walter Hide, Miss Hide, Lieutenant and Mrs. G. A. Hope, Mr. S. H. Hardy, Misses C. and E. Hardy, Captain and Mrs. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Innes, Miss Jarvis, Miss Maude Jones, Miss Jebb, Lieutenant Keyworth, Miss and Miss E. Lloyd, Lady Mary Lygon, Mr. C. J. Lanyon, Mr. E. M. Leaf, Captain and Mrs. Lyon, Miss M. R. Lavender, Mr. J. Mackenzie, Mr. T. C. Main, Mr. H. H. Main, Mr. Mossman, Miss C. Meggison, Mr. W. R. Mabson, Mrs. W. R. and Miss Mabson, Mr. R. Martin, jun., Mr. W. H. and Miss Matthew, Mr. and Mrs. M'Carthy, Mr. G. C. M'Caul, Mr. James Mitchell, Miss and Miss E. Mulholland, Mr. George Macbain, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, the Misses Martin, Mr. R. Navawa, Miss Nurse, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Oswald, Mr. R. Peltpoint, Mr. A. Propert, Captain A. G. Porters Lee, Miss Palmer, Miss Paul, Mr. W. Pett Ridge, Mr. H. Richardson, Mr. P. Rippingille, Mr. Riddell, Mr. M. A. Reed, Mr. Stanley Ross, Miss Russell, Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson, Miss Rider, Mrs. M. Row, Mr. J. Richardson, Miss Rawlins, Mr. and Mrs. P. Stothert, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Stothert, Mr. R. M. Stacey, Mr. C. J. Scott, Mr. M. C. Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Samson, Mr. A. P. Sherrard, Mr. W. Sim, Miss Skelton, Mr. J. Slaten, Mr. O. J. Stoddart, Mrs. Percy Scott, Mr. Neville Taylor, Dr. J. C. Thomson, Miss Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. Vanneck, the Misses Vanneck, Rev. and Mrs. Vincent, Lady Bertha Wilbraham, Mr. Wheildon, Major and Mrs. Waller, Mrs. Moore Wood, Lord and Lady Zetland.

PASSAGES ENGAGED BY THE R.M.S. OROYA.

The Orient S. N. Company's Oroya, which left London on the 16th ultimo, and Naples on the 22nd, had booked the following passengers up to the closing of the mail of the 5th ultimo:—Mr. and Mrs. Allan, Miss Allen, Mrs. Beggs-Robinson, Mr. F. Balkwill, Mr. E. Bellerophe, Mr. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. F. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Coles, Mr. J. W. Carter, Mrs. Conby, Mr. Conby, jun., Miss Claytor, Miss Close, Miss Dockrill, Mr. Farrer, Mrs. Forrest, Commander W. F. Forrest, R.N., Mr. H. K. Gilliland, Mr. G. F. Gilliland, Mr. and Mrs. F. Haytor, Mr. and Mrs. A. Haytor, Mr. T. P. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Haytor, Miss Irvine, Mdlle. L. Jonckheere, Mr. John, Mr. and Mrs. Kinns, Mr. Lochmere, Mr. W. Livesey, Mr. J. M'Millan, Miss Marion Hill, Mr. G. H. Martin, Mr. Miles, Mr. H. Stuart Osborne, Mrs. N. A. Pott, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bymer, Miss Smith, Mrs. Sharpe Smith, Mr. H. D. Saner, Miss Taylor, Mr. F. W. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Tickle, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wilson, Mr. Woods.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

LAND AND HOUSES.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited.—At their Rooms, at 11.30, Shares and Houses and Land.
THE SHERIFF.—At the Arbitration Court, at 12, Land.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

J. R. LAWSON.—At their Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Glass, China, Cutlery, Electroplate, Sewing Machine, Pianofortes, &c.
M. GOULSTON and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Fancy Goods, Toys, Brushware, Cutlery, &c.
BARNARD and CO.—At 278 Darling-street, Balmain, at 11, Stock-in-trade of a Tobacconist and Plant of a Hairdressing Saloon, Furniture, &c.; on the Premises, Young-street, at 2.30, Furniture, E.P. Ware, Glassware, &c.
H. HARRIS and CO.—At the Mart, at 11, Jewellery, Fancy Goods, Showcases, Counter, Silks, &c.
DALWOOD and CO.—At 46 Flinders-street, Moore Park, at 11, Furniture, Piano, Organ, Books, Sewing Machine, Oil Paintings, &c.
J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, Clothing, Boots, Blankets; at 12, Box and Gladstone Bag, Sac Suits, &c.
H. W. BROOK and CO.—At 146 Elizabeth-street, at 11, Furniture, Dinnerware, Showcases, &c.
H. LEVY.—At 135 Regent-street, at 2, Furniture, Clothing, &c.
JOHN CANTY.—At 100 Regent-street, Redfern, at 2.30, Furniture, Gas Stove, Ice Chest, Scales and Weights, &c.
A. MITCHELL.—At 61 Howard-street, at 10.30, Furniture, &c.
MIDDLETON and CO.—At Hay and George streets, at 2, Clothing, Jewellery, Furniture, &c.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

At the Various Stores, Circular Quay, at 2.30, Hides; at the Wool Exchange, at 10.30, Tallow; at 1.45, Sheepskins.
PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At their Stores, Hides; at their Rooms, Sheepskins, Tallow.
GOLDSBROUGH, MORT, and CO.—Hides, Tallow, Sheepskins.
THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY CO.—At their Stores, at 9.30, Hides; at Wool Exchange, at 10.30, Tallow; at 1.45, Sheepskins.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

C. J. TURNER.—At his Rooms, Poultry Farm Exchange, at 1.30, Poultry, Eggs, Suckers, &c.
ELLIS and CO.—At their Saleyards, at 1, Vealers, Pigs, Butter, Eggs, &c.
W. INGLIS and SON.—At the City Yards, at 11, Store Pigs.
HELLMANN and CO.—At Railway Produce Mart, 287 George-street, at 2.30, Poultry, Butter, Bacon, Cheese, Honey, &c.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 10.30 and 11.30, Horses, Vehicles, &c.
PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At the Camperdown Yards, at 2.30, Horses.
HILL, CLARK, and CO.—At Camperdown, at 2.30, Horses.

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Chest Measurement ...	30	32	34	36	38	40
"K" Quality, light but warm	10/6	11/6	12/6	13/6	14/9	16/
"KK" Quality, medium weight, very warm	13/6	14/6	15/6	16/6	17/9	19/

Long Sleeves, 6d Extra.
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Inches.					
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Low Neck, Single-breasted, 2-in. Webbing Sleeves—

Inches.						
Chest measurement ...	30	32	34	36	38	40
"K" Quality, light, but warm	10/6	11/6	12/6	13/6	14/9	16/

NEW SHAPE COMBINATIONS,
Closed Back, to Button at Waist,
Made to our Special Order.

Inches.				
Chest measurement ...	32	34	36	38
"K" Quality, light but warm, high neck, short sleeves ...	14/	15/	16/	17/

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LADIES' UNDERVESTS.
Very Elegant "Bell" Shape, trimmed with hand-made Lace, gussets budded with Silk, waist bulk reduced to a minimum.

Inches.					
Chest Measurement ...	30	32	34	36	38
"K" Quality "Simplex," low necks, 2in. sleeves	5/3	6/	6/9	7/6	8/3
"K" Quality, high necks, single-breasted, 6in. sleeves	—	7/6	8/3	9/	9/9
"KK" Quality, high necks, single-breasted, 6in. sleeves	—	—	9/6	10/3	11/
"K" Quality, high necks, double-breasted, 6in. sleeves	—	9/	8/9	9/6	10/3

Long Sleeves in all Makes but "Simplex," 6d Extra.
CHILDREN'S UNDERVESTS,
Double Over Chest, Button on Shoulder.

Inches.					
Chest Measurement	21	24	27	30	33
"K" Quality, light, but warm, short sleeves	3/3	3/6	4/3	5/	5/6
"B" Quality, very warm, short sleeves	3/9	4/3	5/	5/9	6/9

Long Sleeves, 3d Extra.
LADIES' BODICES.

Inches.			
Chest Measurement ...	31	33	35
"K" Quality, 6in. sleeves	6/6	7/	7/6
Long sleeves	7/6	8/	8/6

LADIES' DRAWERS.

Inches.					
Sizes Round Waist ...	25	27	29	31	[illegible]
"K" Quality	7/6	8/3	9/	9/9	[illegible]
"KK" Quality	—	10/9	11/6	12/3	

CHILDREN'S DRAWERS.

Inches.				
Sizes Round Waist ...	23	24	25	26
"K" Quality	3/9	4/6	5/3	6/

BABIES' DRAWERS.

Sizes ...	000	00	0	1
	3/0	3/9	4/	4/6

BABIES' UNDERVESTS, WHITE.

Sizes ...	000	00	0	1
Short Sleeves ...	3/6	3/9	4/	4/3
Long Sleeves ...	3/9	4/	4/3	4/6

KNITTED STOMACHIC BANDAGES,
to slip on.

For Children—Sizes ...	00	0	1	1½	2	2½
	1/	1/2	1/4	1/6	1/8	1/10
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	2/	2/3	2/6	2/9	3/	

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LATE MINING.

THE ASSOCIATED GOLD MINES.

REPORT BY MINING EXPERTS.

KALGOORLIE, Thursday.

Consternation is general here at the heavy fall in prices the shares of the Associated Gold Mines have sustained in the last two days. Private advices received to-day state that a circular was issued by the directors to the shareholders yesterday giving a digest of the expert's report, which credits the mine with 35,000 tons of ore in sight worth 1oz. 12dwt. gold per ton, equal to 56,000oz. The last annual report issued by the directors stated that there were 740,000 tons in sight of 1½oz. grade. Such a discrepancy in the figures of the respective reports is responsible for local suggestions that the Government should make public the periodical plans of the workings of the mines deposited in the Mines Department; also that in the interests of the Western Australian mining industry and of investors in the mines of the colony, qualified experts should be appointed by the Minister to inspect the workings of the mines and determine the accuracy or otherwise of the plans furnished to the Government. The tonnage alleged in the report of the expert, Mr. Bartley, accords with the accepted dimensions of Tetley's ore chute alone, thus practically ignoring all the remaining 54 acres of the mine.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Samples of stone selected indiscriminately by the Inspector of Mines from specimens sent from the Tarcoola goldfield have been assayed at the School of Mines, and yielded 688oz. 12dwt. gold and 208oz. 10dwt. silver per ton. Mr. Gee reports that the workings on the new field on the south eastern side are on a low range, along which bold quartz outcrops frequently occur. Several shallow shafts have been sunk on well-defined reefs of quartz and ironstone, averaging about 3ft. wide, showing gold from the surface. Specimens obtained by shots fired in his presence were remarkably rich, but owing to the little work done they should be regarded as specimens only from almost surface workings until greater depth is attained. He concluded his report in these words:—"None, I trust, will be misled by these rich specimens. They are highly encouraging, but the true value of the find can only be demonstrated by work at a depth. I also beg to point out that the country in the immediate vicinity is held, and that by well-equipped camel parties only can this large and dry district be properly prospected."

KALGOORLIE, Thursday.

The April return from the Golden Horseshoe was as follows:—Tons milled, 5517, yielding 5593·950oz. gold; cyanided 2975 tons of tailings for 1948·125oz., concentrates 469·789oz.; total yield for the month, 8011·864oz.

The manager of Hannan's Oroya reports that the lode has been cut at the 400ft. level on the south block of the property 62ft. west of the main shaft. A crosscut has been driven 6ft. into the lode, and soon its full width will be determined, and the average value of the ore at this point be disclosed. On the surface about 300 tons of shipping grade ore are stacked and bagged ready for despatch to the smelters. Doolette's shaft at the north-east corner of the north block is down 300ft., and sinking has been resumed to the next level, at which depth it is probable they will put out westward to prove the continuation northward of the lode now being worked in the Iron Duke lease.

The April return of the Brown Hill was as follows:—Milled 3782 tons of ore for 5529oz. 6dwt. gold; smelted 393 tons for 906oz. 6dwt. Total gold yield for the month, 6435oz. 12dwt.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales and quotations were:—Sales: White Pinafore, 1s 6d; South Esk, 7s 6d; New Monarch, 1s 9d; Western Silver, 10s; Lyell Tharsis, 21s; North Mount Farrell, 5s.

Quotations: New Pinafore, buyer 2s 10d, seller 3s 2d; New Monarch, buyer 1s 9d, seller 1s 11d; Tasmania, buyer £5 17s, seller £6 1s; White Pinafore, buyer 1s 5½d, seller 1s 6½d; Oonah, buyer 9d, seller 1s 6d; Silver King, buyer £22 10s, seller £24 10s; Colebrook, buyer 2s 2d, seller 2s 8d; Eastern Proprietary, buyer 9d, seller 1s 4d; Hercules, buyer 12s; Mount Lyell, buyer £9, seller £9 5s; Mount Lyell North, buyer 71s, seller 77s; Mount Lyell Reserve, buyer 1s 6d, seller 2s 2d; Great South Lyell, buyer 1s 6d, seller 1s 10d; Chillagoe Railway and Mines, buyer 29s, seller 30s 6d; Mount Bischoff, buyer £48, seller £49 10s; Ringarooma Dredging, buyer 1s 6d, seller 1s 9d; ditto, paid, buyer 1s 9d, seller 2s 2d; South Esk, buyer 7s, seller 8s; Frome River, buyer 2s 9d, seller 3s 6d.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Among mining companies to-day's sales were:—B.H. Block 10, £6 16s; B.H. Block 14, 28s; B.H. Proprietary, 46s; B.H. South, paid-up, 40s; North Broken, 18s 6d; Sulphide Corporation, 23s; Mount Lyell, £9 1s 6d, £8 17s; Mount Lyell Blocks, 8s 4d, 8s; Ben Lomond (Tungsten), 5s; Great Lyell South, 1s 8½d, 1s 7d, 1s 8d; Great Southern Mount Lyell, 6½d; Lyell Tharsis, 19s 6d; North Tasmania, 4d; Prince Lyell, 5d; Rocky River, 3s; South Tharsis, 1s 11d, 1s 11½d; Tasman and Crown Lyell Extended, paid, 11d, 11½d; Chillagoe Railway and Mines, 30s 3d, 29s 3d; Copper Top, 3s 4d, 3s 2d; Associated Gold Mines, 78s, 75s 6d; Great Boulder, 31s; Kalgurli Gold Mines, £8 10s; Glenfine Consols, 15s 7½d; Glenfine Extended, 6s 6d; Glenfine Junction, 1s 6d; Glenfine South, £5 6s, £5 12s; Long Tunnel, £69; Long Tunnel Extended, £19 10s; New Loch Fyne, 40s, 41s; South German, £6 1s, £6; South German Extended, 21s 3d, 21s 9d; Band and Loch United, 2s; Excelsior, 4s 6d, 4s 3d; Great South Long Tunnel, 2s 8d; Great Southern Consols, 14s 6d; Hope Island, 4s 6d, 4s 3d; Maude and Homeward Bound, 9s 6d, 10s 3d; M'Evoy, 4s 3d; M'Gregors, 2s 3d, 2s; Main Leads, 14s 6d; Main Leads North, 2s 3d, 2s 2d; North Moonlight, 2s 6d, 3s 6d; Ovens River, 1s 9d; South Russell No. 1, 4s 6d; South Star, 6s 9d, 6s 3d; Spring Hill and Central Leads, 9s 9d; Star of the East, 4s 9d, 5s 6d.

ADIEU TO LADYSMITH.

FROM OUR SPECIAL WAR CORRESPONDENT, D. A. MACDONALD.

RIDING TO MARITZBURG.

EXAMINING THE TUGELA HEIGHTS.

BULLER'S DOGGED DETERMINATION.

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NEWLANDS (Cape Town), March 10.

What impressed me above all else in my hurried morning ride over the just vacated Boer trenches on the Tugela heights was the amazing strength of the position. The mind had room for no other conception—details were blotted out and forgotten. During those long days of waiting we in Ladysmith had at times been intolerant of the slow progress made for our relief column. We were too closely concerned in the issue, too greatly overwrought by the gloom of the surroundings and the uncertainty of the future, to be generous or even just. My letters may have in places reflected that feeling—I cannot now remember—but in face of the actual position all feelings save that of unbounded admiration for the perseverance of the general and the valour of the troops who had carried that position against the finest sharpshooters in the world was swept away. The besieged had failed utterly to realise the magnitude of the task. No wonder that one of the foreign attaches had declared that not less than 100,000 men could carry the position; that another considered it a task for an army corps; while the American attache asked quaintly, "Is there no way to get round it, General?" The only path round it—that by Potgieter's Drift—had been tried by General Warren long before, and ended in the black disaster on Spion Kop. In the end we had had to face it, and trust to British infantry to find their way where it seemed impossible for men to go and live. How shall I describe that position? I know of no familiar landmarks in Australia that exactly illustrate it. Beyond the river for nearly 20 miles towards Maritzburg one sees the Boer sangars seaming the low, smooth ridges, but that was not their country, and they were easily driven out of it as soon as we had mustered a force at all commensurate to the undertaking. Following up that line of retreat from the southern side, we approach the Tugela over bare undulating flats, with not a scrap of natural cover anywhere. Right opposite the few white-washed mud houses, now rent and roofless, which form the hamlet of Colenso, the conical hills rise abruptly from the river bank. There, right in the centre of the position, is the famous Fort Wylie—a hill seamed from crest to base with gun galleries and rifle trenches. From this central clump the hills retire slightly on either hand, so that a half-mile, sometimes a mile, of flat lies between the river and the high ground. Here was another deadly space to cover, even after the crossing of the broad river, flowing yellow and deep between its low, shelterless banks, had been successfully accomplished. Then, worst of all, the rugged, rocky ascent literally seamed across with walls and trenches. If rifle trenches only, the earthworks were always masked with dry grass, and visible at but a short distance as you approached them. At other points the stone walls stood up grimly, and with no pretence of concealment. An incredible amount of work had been put into these entrenchments and fortifications. The whole 10-mile front of the range was crossed with them, and with the enemy using smokeless powder for all but their heavier guns, it was impossible for our men to say which of the trenches were occupied.

DIFFICULT ENTRENCHMENTS.

The waggon tracks wriggle down the front of these steep slopes to the drift to ease the descent, and in the alternate curves the trenches were thickest, each body of riflemen enfilading the fire of the lower trench. It can be conceived that nothing could come up a road so defended and live to boast of the feat. Knowing its strength, men would not attempt it; and the extra precautions taken were no doubt due to the fact that it was a sunken road for the most part, and viewed from a distance looked like offering some shelter to an assaulting column—the last shelter they would have needed, save the layer of turf above them. The bottoms of the trenches were carpeted with dry grass, and the earth benches upon which the riflemen rested their elbows were also grassed. In many of the trenches a rude shelter had been made with a sheet of corrugated iron. I might dwell upon the difficulties of that tremendous position for hours, and yet fail to impress you with its immeasurable strength. Short of an unscalable wall, it was naturally the strongest fighting line in all Natal—a country, in its western and northern parts especially, simply teeming with ideal battlegrounds for the force whose duty it is to hold and to defend. But God help those with whom it is an obligation to assault. It was in forcing such a position that General Buller lost in killed and wounded 110 of his officers and 1500 men, and it was only the caution which marked every foot of his later movements—the determination to press on always, but press slowly and surely losing as little life as possible in the operation—that made the capture of that great range under the pressure of emergency cost comparatively so little. In that bill were two heavy items, for unlooked-for disasters—the loss of the field guns before Colenso and the failure at Spion Kop. Correspondents with the relief column found General Buller a severe censor, with nothing about him of the soldier politician, who seeks to make the path of failure easy by granting full privileges to the men whose duty it is to describe his battles. Many complained bitterly of the restrictions under which they laboured, but when it was all over those to whom I spoke, and amongst them Harding Davis, the well-known American correspondent, were full of admiration for the unswerving determination which had carried relief through in the teeth of such overwhelming difficulties.

A MERCIFUL BRITON.

Writing only of those things I have myself seen, I can say little of that long continued fight upon the Tugela River, and without its vivid colour the story of the siege of Ladysmith can never be complete. There was one incident, however, in the shadow of Monte Cristo that morning which I shall not soon forget, as showing that the grimmest scenes of war—and there is nothing more grimly solemn than a battlefield on the day after a fight—cannot quite obliterate Tommy Atkins's sense of humour. The stretcher-bearers had brought in a Boer, wounded in the right side with a bayonet thrust. Our men had gone up a steep slope, sheltered momentarily by a railway cutting in its side, and galled all the way by a withering fire of rifles. The historic red and white roses of York and Lancaster, and the shamrock of the gallant Inniskillings, went up that hill together, and the blood mist was in the eyes of our men as they reached the summit.

When the red rose was redder than itself,
And York's white rose as red as Lancaster's.

They spared few of the Dutchmen, who still clung valorously to the trenches. As this particular Boer was being tended, a Cockney soldier passing had a look at him. "Why, I've seen 'im before—that's my mark on him. Is he bad, sir?" "Yes, pretty bad," the dresser said. "Well, I did it as gentle as I could," said the apologetic Cockney. "Fact it wasn't so much the shootin' of it him as the droppin' of it bout that 'urt 'im. Then I give 'im a drink out o' my canteen when I was done with 'im. I think it was a bit o' luck for 'im to ha' met me, don't you?"

ARTILLERY AND LYDDITE.

Considering that 70 British guns of all calibres had so long hurled their iron death upon those hills—and that a great part of it was the lyddite—upon the deadliness of which so much has been said and written—the Boer graves in the glades behind were not so numerous as one would have expected. If these operations can be taken as a fair example of the destructiveness of lyddite, the power of that explosive has been exaggerated. The Boers say that they can overcome its stifling fumes by a drink of vinegar, and whether that be so or not I think the anticipations formed from the effects of lyddite upon the closely-packed and exposed masses of the Khalifa's spearmen have not at all been realised with the more tactful Boer. Our field artillery has been described as ineffective and out of date, but bearing in mind the difficulties of getting batteries into short range, against the long-reaching Mauser and the disabilities of being held off by the Boer siege guns, our field batteries have, through all the hard fighting in Natal, done wonderful work. That they have been disastrously trapped at times was an almost inevitable consequence of the fact that by comparison with slower moving field guns of the enemy they dared too much. Had their guns gone into the open as frequently in the teeth of our 4·7 guns as we did, when fully exposed to their heavier metal, the result would have been disastrous to the self-esteem of the Staats Artillery. Whether in taking a position or changing it cleverly under fire, the British field batteries have to my mind done wonders, and never shall I forget the coolness of the movements or the destructiveness of their fire as shown in the fight on Cæsar's Hill a few days after the New Year. The precision of their shrapnel then and on every other occasion where they have had a fair chance has been remarkable, and I feel sure to-day that the Boers have a much greater dread of the shrapnel than of the lauded lyddite. There was one incident of the artillery duel that day which has not been told in its proper place. While a battery was in action one of the gunners was wounded, and a reserve number went forward to take his place. The new man had finished his detail and crouched with his left arm supporting his head and the elbow resting on his bent knee. The next shell from Long Tom struck the poor fellow just where knee and elbow met, smashing both joints to a pulp. A hurried amputation was necessary, and he was being taken to the hospital, with Father Ford, the chaplain of the Imperial Light Horse, sitting in the ambulance beside him, when suddenly the tourniquet burst, and the poor fellow's lifeblood was pouring from him in spirts which promised speedy death from loss of blood. Father Ford caught up the ends of the severed arteries between his fingers, and held them thus for an hour until the hospital was reached. Even then it looked so hopeless with a double amputation that the surgeons only glanced at him at first, shook their heads, and passed on to men who had yet got a chance for life. Just then the poor gunner opened his eyes and gasped, "Hurry up, doctor, please; she's beginning to hurt a bit." "I'll give him a chance," said the surgeon impulsively, "he deserves it." So the operator went to work, the resourceful priest still holding the severed arteries, and to-day that gunner, though having only one leg and one arm left, is alive and well. But one man in a hundred is blessed with such a constitution as would have stood the strain of a double amputation. Poor fellow, let us hope that the path through life in future may be made easy for the one leg to travel.

HOW TWO BRITISH FARMERS FARED.

For a country blighted and blasted by the passage and presence of hostile forces the condition of the farmhouses passed between Ladysmith and the Tugela was strangely contradictory. Some were as peaceful and perfect as though the sounds of strife had never echoed amongst the hills. At many of the farms cocks were crowing cheerily in the morning, the cattle gathering by the milking kraals, smoke rising homelike from the chimneys, and the mealie-fields ripening all around. These were the homes of the Dutch farmers, who have settled thickly on that side of Natal, and who know but in many of them there was mourning for a father or a son who had gone with Louis Botha to the Tugela and had not come back. That blood was thicker than water, patriotism greater than policy, with many of these Dutch farmers, is shown by the number who retired with their flying countrymen, leaving their homes vacant, just as their English neighbours did before them, and thus admitting their complicity in the rebellion. Many of the better class of English farms have been used by the Dutch as hospitals, and the fumes of anæsthetics still cling about the rooms, in some of which were found wounded men who could not safely be moved, but who will be well cared for in our hospitals. Other farmhouses vacated by their English owner, had been wrecked and ruined, though in many cases where Englishmen decided to stay on their lands they found the enemy unexpectedly generous, and considering their loose organisation very obedient to the orders of their commandants. I met two young Englishmen, brothers, who had determined to stay at home and take their chances, and the treatment accorded to them was almost Quixotic in its generosity. They were at first offered the alternative of joining the Boer commandoes or going south to their own countrymen, but expressed an equally strong aversion to either fighting against their country or leaving their homes. They were therefore allowed to stay on their farm, with a warning that if found outside its boundaries they would be shot. Most of their cattle were taken, a span of oxen being left them, however, to put in their crops. "As long as the Ladysmith garrison holds out," explained one of the field-cornets, "we do not look upon this part of Natal as conquered territory. Therefore, if any of our men molest you tell them you have General Botha's permission to remain, and will complain to him of any misconduct." That threat was always sufficient. Even the most blustering of the Boers shrank into silence, as though under a discipline as severe as that of some of the Continental armies. Bye and by the want of meat became to these two Englishmen a hardship, so they went down, argued the thing out with the commandants, and thereafter were regularly supplied with good rations. This is their own story, of course; but men who know them tell me they are to be trusted, and that their loyalty is beyond question. The Kaffirs seem to have steered a middle course with clever duplicity, though those around Ladysmith were, I feel sure, true to their salt. Outside there were boys who took our pay to spy upon the Dutch and Dutch pay to spy upon us, and served both masters, no doubt, with equal sincerity.

FAREWELL TO FRIENDS.

The saddest thing in leaving Ladysmith was the parting with good comrades, who at the eleventh hour had gone down with fever. Dunn and Greenwood, two of the correspondents, had the bad luck to be smitten with enteric on the very eve of relief. When I said good-bye to my self-sacrificing fellow-countryman, Hornabrook, in the Volunteer Hospital, he had been sadly reduced by illness. Of some 11,000 composing the garrison about 8000 passed through the hospitals during the four months' siege, either for wounds or sickness. Going south to recuperate, I had the good fortune to find comfortable quarters in the suburb of Newlands, a long-settled and picturesque hamlet just outside Capetown. Pitched right under the shadow of Table Mountain, and so rich soil, it is difficult to realise, but for the multi-coloured peoples who inhabit it, that one is not resting in some old-fashioned English village. There are magnificent avenues of oaks, tall and far-spreading, which must be over a century old, and beside our younger Australian gums are springing up, and in height, at least, challenging their supremacy. The fruit-shops teem with splendid grapes, melons, and peaches, and a pleasanter spot in which to rest and recruit, after the horrors of the Ladysmith siege, could not well be found in all Africa. The great mountain, with its towering crags, dominates everything, and underneath it are close-packed orchards, vineyards, and gardens, the flamboyants of the further north vying in colour with the earliest of the chrysanthemums and the porcelain blue of the late water-lilies. But the English oaks are a never-ending source of wonder and admiration, and give some idea of what our own Australian gardens will be in the years to come.

SHIPBUILDING MODEL STATION.

Messrs. Weber, Lohmann, and Co. forward the following:—The N.D.L. has a model trial station near the Kaiser Dock at Bremerhaven, where the technical shipbuilding trials are made. The station named is supervised by the technical department of the said company. The buildings in connection with this station cover an area of about half an acre, and include besides the long hall 500ft. in which the basin is situated, rooms used for the model foundry, the model cut machinery, the accumulators, a magazine, a workshop, and three offices, including one for draughtsmen.

Next to the hall, in the open, a filter reservoir has been built, having about one-tenth of an acre useable filter area. The same is destined to clean the water for the basin of the trial station, the water being obtained by the centrifugal pumps from near the Kaiser Dock, where the ships in the bay are repaired. The basin itself has a length of about 500ft., a depth of about 10ft. 6in., and a width of 19ft. 6in., so when filled up it contains 2900 cubic meter filtered water.

Whilst the buildings are constructed of concrete with wood covering on the outside the basin is only of wood construction, which latter had to be very strong and solid to avoid any shifting of the side wall, be it either by earth or water pressure.

The first model trial station was built at Torquay by the late English shipbuilding engineer, W. Froude, for the British Admiralty. His son, R. E. Froude, who is still alive, built a second much improved station, also for the English marine, at Haslar, near Portsmouth.

Following this were Messrs. William Denny and Brothers, at Dumbarton, Scotland, and the navies of Holland, Italy, Russia, France, and the United States, so that at present there are but nine of such stations in working order. In connection with these stations, except the French and American, the plans of Froude have been adopted. In such a model trial station, as indicated by its name already, the ship's models of paraffin or wood are towed through the water. The power required to give the model the speed to correspond exactly with the ship's speed is measured by means of a dynamo and calculated by a method used by W. Froude, but afterwards considerably improved by his son, R. E. Froude. The displacement of a ship having been decided upon, and the conditions to be fulfilled as to speed, carrying capacity, radius of action having been fixed, it is then possible to execute the displacement in view, regarding which numberless constructions varying in length, width, and depth can be adopted. It then remains for the constructor to use his capabilities in choosing in accordance with the conditions referred to the best possible ships' form. With a single exception the North German Lloyd is the only shipping company which has had the enterprise to construct a trial station of the kind here described. It is stated that the station at Bremerhaven is the most moderly-equipped station of the kind yet established at private cost.

HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND.

AGGREGATE RECEIPTS, £4188 19s 7d.

Additional money which came to hand yesterday in connection with Hospital Saturday brings the total receipts for the year up to £4188 19s 7d. The official return gives the aggregate receipts as follows:—

	£	s	d
Amount received to May 9 ...	£4182	18	10
Employees of S. Bebarfald and Co.' ...	3	7	0
Employees of Carrington Brick Co. (making a total of £3 14s) ...	1	6	0
H. S. Chipman ...	1	1	0
Amounts under 10s ...	0	4	9
	£4,188	19	7

The board of directors request that all boxes and cards still out should be returned at once to 93 York-street, to enable the books to be closed and balance-sheet prepared.

Refreshments were supplied at Coogee by Mrs. Tidswell, Coogee Hotel, Coogee.

The following ladies assisted at Parramatta:—Miss Mona Brown and the Misses Houison (3).

CORRECTIONS.

Homebush: Mrs. J. Simpson Perry, £15 7s 4d, should be £13 17s 4d.

North Sydney: Miss Wyatt, £3 9s 5d, should be £4 6·1d.

Waverley: Mrs. J. Samuel and Mrs. G. Hughes, £6 12s 8d, should be £7 7s 8d.

Indoor Collection.—Botany: Employees of Enoch Taylor and Co., £0 10s, should be £19 5s, £3 4s having been included in the city indoor collection.

New South Wales has sent her men
To drive the Boers from hill to glen;
Old England's sons have not forgot
Majuba Hill—that dreadful blot.
They'll fight all weathers, fine or wet,
Nor care for cold that they may get,
Which knowing well they can endure
By taking Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.—Advt.

A Naturalist on the Richmond River. Interesting illustrations in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

LAW REPORT.

THURSDAY, MAY 10.

BANCO COURT No. 1.

(Before the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Owen, and Mr. Justice Cohen.)

THE "CERCLE FRANCAIS"—LIABILITY OF MEMBERS.

Perpetual Trustee Co., Limited, v. A'Beckett and others (Bensusan and Wise appellants)—part heard.

Mr. Gordon and Mr. Maughan, instructed by Mr. J. Stuart Thom, appeared for appellant S. L. Bensusan, and Mr. Gordon and Mr. Reginald H. L. Innes, instructed by Messrs. Dibbs, Gibson, and Parker, for the appellant B. R. Wise; Mr. Lingen and Mr. Rich, instructed by Messrs. Ickerson and Ebsworth, appeared in both suits for the respondent plaintiffs. As the principle of law concerning both cases was the same, though there was a slight divergence in the facts, the appeals were taken together. The plaintiff company, as executors of the will of William Henry Paling, deceased, brought a suit in Equity against M. E. A'Beckett and others representing certain classes of members of a club formerly in existence, and known as the "Cercle Francais," to obtain a declaration that all persons who were members of the club on July 12, 1888, and all persons who became members subsequent to that date, were jointly and severally liable to contribute and make good and indemnify the plaintiffs and the estate of William Henry Paling against the rent paid and expenses incurred by Mr. Paling during his life-time, and by plaintiffs since his death, in respect of a lease taken by the club in Wynyard-square and Wynyard-lane, and the covenants thereof, and the future rent and expenses to which the plaintiffs, as executors of Mr. Paling, are or may become liable under the lease and covenants. And plaintiffs further prayed that defendants and all other persons found to be liable might be decreed to repay to the plaintiffs and indemnify them against all such rent and expenses, with interest at such rate as the Court might direct. They also asked that an inquiry might be directed as to the persons constituting the several classes of members. On the 27th October, 1898, Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, Chief Judge in Equity, made a decree against certain of the defendants, and directed a reference to the Master in Equity to inquire and report as to the amount necessary to be raised for the indemnity, and also as to who were liable to contribute thereto. The Master in Equity accordingly held such inquiry and settled appellants Samuel Levy Bensusan and B. R. Wise, among others, on the list of those bound to contribute. These gentlemen appealed on the ground that they did not assent to nor ratify the action of the trustees of July 12, 1888, in taking the lease of premises in Wynyard-square and Wynyard-lane; but the Chief Judge in Equity confirmed the Master's decision. From this determination Messrs. Bensusan and Wise now appealed, mainly on the ground that his Honor was in error in holding that appellants having ratified the action of the trustees of July 12, 1888, in taking the lease of the premises referred to, were bound by it.

Having heard Mr. Gordon and Mr. Innes on behalf of appellants, and Mr. Lingen and Mr. Rich for respondents,

The Chief Justice said the Court did not require to hear Mr. Gordon in reply, but as a great number of cases had been cited and various principles of law submitted, and seeing that this was an appeal from two judgments of the Chief Judge in Equity, he would like to put what he had to say in writing.

BANCO COURT No. 2.

(Before Mr. Justice Stephen and Mr. Justice Simpson.)

A SMALL DEBTS CASE.

Lee v. Mimna.

Mr. James, instructed by Mr. J. J. Dillon, appeared for the appellant, John Bede Mimna, solicitor, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi for a prohibition to restrain Ernest H. Wilshire, S.M., Henry A. Ledger, Registrar of the Small Debts Court, Newtown, and Louisa Lee from further proceeding on a judgment given against Mimna in the Small Debts Court, Newtown. Dr. Sly, instructed by Messrs Pigott and Stinson, appeared for respondent Louisa Lee, to show cause. It appeared that appellant was sued at the Small Debts Court, Newtown, by Louisa Lee, printer, for the recovery of £7 10s for work and material provided in printing certain notes. The defendant did not appear, and a verdict was given for the amount claimed. He now appealed on the ground that the magistrate had no jurisdiction to hear the plaint, because the summons was not served three clear days before the return day as required by the Act 1899, number 13, and rule 3; and that the judgment was against natural justice because it was in the name of Louisa Lee, whereas the plaintiffs in the summons were Edward Lee and Co. Mr. James stated that the summons was served upon the defendant less that two days before the return day, and for that reason he did not appear to it, and, further, that the plaintiff should have sued as executrix of the late Edward Lee. It was, however, contended on behalf of plaintiff that defendant waived the irregularity as to the summons, but this he denied. Dr. Sly also submitted that the plaint was sufficient when taken with the particulars of the claim, which said that plaintiff sued as "sole executrix of the late Edward Lee, trading as Edward Lee and Co."

Mr. Justice Stephen said the Court would say nothing as to the second point. As to the first there was an express rule that the summons must be served not less than three clear days prior to the date appointed for the return of the summons. The summons here was not served within that time, and that being so he was of opinion that the magistrate had no jurisdiction to hear the case. It appeared, as far as he could judge, that it was not attempted to prove service of the summons, and if the magistrate had had proof of the service of the summons within less than three days, and he had chosen to decide that the service was sufficient, he would still hold that a prohibition would lie, because the magistrate would have erroneously given himself jurisdiction. Ex parte Long, 11 Weekly Notes, and ex parte Pearson 13 Weekly Notes, were authorities for that decision.

Mr. Justice Simpson said he was of opinion that the rule should be made absolute on the ground that there was no evidence at all before the magistrate of due service of the summons. It was a necessary and an essential part of the plaintiff's case, where the defendant did not appear, to prove due service of the summons. The rule required that the service of the summons should be three clear days before the return day, and here it was perfectly clear that service was not effected within three clear days.

Rule absolute for a prohibition without costs.

REMOVAL OF FURNITURE.

Hockings v. Reeves.

Mr. O'Reilly, instructed by Mr. W. M. Niland, appeared for Charles C. Reeves, of Marrickville, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi for a prohibition to restrain George H. Smithers, S.M., and William Hockings, of Canterbury, from proceeding further upon an order made by the magistrate at the Police Court, Newtown, on the 27th March last. Mr. Boyce, instructed by Mr. E. Abigail, appeared for William Hockings and Elizabeth Jane Hockings to oppose the application. It appeared that appellant had been summoned on an information charging him with a breach of the fourth section of the Landlord and Tenants Act (11 George II., chapter 19) for fraudulently removing certain furniture, valued at £4, from his premises, to evade payment of certain arrears of rent. He was convicted and directed to pay £8, being double the value of the goods, and £2 12s 6d costs. He now appealed for a prohibition to set the order aside.

The application was dismissed with costs on a preliminary objection taken by Mr. Boyce, that the rule nisi was obtained upon the minute of the magistrate, and not upon the order under his hand and seal, as it should have been.

A LAND CASE.

Re Henry Hart (Land Appeal Court and Minister for Lands respondents.)

Mr. Pring and Mr. Bavin, instructed by Mr. F. W. Walker (agent for Mr. Robert Booth, of Dubbo), appeared on behalf of Henry Hart, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi by which the Land Appeal Court and the Minister for Lands had been called upon to show cause why a writ of mandamus should not be issued to compel the Land Appeal Court to state a case for the decision of the Supreme Court. Mr. R. E. O'Connor, Q.C., and Mr. Hanbury Davies, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, appeared for respondents to oppose the application. Mr. Pring stated that about nine years ago Hart took up a conditional purchase and conditional lease at Warren on the station of John Andrew Gardiner, known as "Mole," and five or six years afterwards there was a reference by the Minister for Lands to the local land board at Warren to ascertain whether the statement which Hart made at the time he took up the selection, that he had taken it up for his own use and benefit, was true. The case in due course came before the local land board, John Andrew Gardiner being dead, and during the evidence a copy of Gardiner's bank account was tendered by the Crown as evidence against the selector, the allegation being that Hart was a dummy for Gardiner. No evidence was given connecting Hart with the bank account in any way, but the land board admitted it, though it was objected to. The account showed that on the date the selection was taken up Gardiner had drawn a cheque for "Mole Selection," and the sum drawn was the same as the amount of deposit paid on account of the selection. The board found that Hart's answer was false and that he had taken up the selection for Gardiner. Hart appealed, but the Land Appeal Court held that the copy of the bank account had been properly admitted, and that even if it was wrongly admitted there was sufficient evidence otherwise to justify the finding of the land board. They therefore dismissed the appeal, and having refused an application to submit a case for the opinion of the Supreme Court appellant now sought to obtain a mandamus to compel them to do so.

The case stands part heard.

EQUITY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, Chief Judge in Equity.)

THE SALE OF AN ESTATE.

The case of Langbridge v. Green was continued, and is part heard.

(Before Mr. Justice Walker.)

FORECLOSURE OF A MORTGAGE.

Tooth and Co., Limited, v. Stevens and others.

Mr. Loxton, instructed by Mr. M. J. Brown, for the company; Mr. Bethune, instructed by Mr. A. W. M'Carthy, for six infant defendants; Mr. Conroy, instructed by Messrs. Read and Read, for other defendants.

This was a suit for foreclosure of a mortgage made in 1884 by Archibald Patrick Stevens, since deceased, relating to the Fig Tree Hotel, M'Mahon's Point, North Sydney. Mr. Loxton moved for a decree, and the other parties agreed to a decree being granted, but did not agree as to the amount due on the mortgage, which was for £535 and interest. The defendants were Ernest Stevens (of North Sydney), Mrs. Annie Drysdale (daughter of the deceased), and six infant children of the deceased.

His Honor granted a decree for foreclosure, subject to inquiry by the Master in Equity as to the amount due.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Walker, Judge in Bankruptcy.)

A MOTION FOR ATTACHMENT.

Re William Joseph Langley. The official assignee, Mr. L. T. Lloyd, applied that the Court should make absolute an order nisi previously granted directing the bankrupt to appear and show cause why a writ of attachment should not issue against him on account of his disobedience of an order of the Court for the payment by him of 30s per month to the official assignee for the benefit of the creditors in the estate. The bankrupt appeared in person. The official assignee, in his affidavit, stated that the bankrupt had failed to keep up the monthly payments as ordered, and that the sum in arrears now amounted to £16 10s. The bankrupt, in reply, admitted that he had made default in the payments ordered by the Court, but stated that his salary did not admit of compliance with the order, inasmuch that his expenses had increased since the order was made. His Honor pointed out that in such circumstances it was the bankrupt's duty to apply to the Court to have the order varied. His Honor made the order absolute as prayed, but directed that it should lie in the office for a week; the sum of £12 to be paid by bankrupt prior to the expiration of that period, and in default the writ to issue.

MOTION UNDER SECTION 134.

Re Walter Percy Lance. In this case his Honor delivered his reserved judgment. The official assignee, Mr. W. H. Palmer, had applied that certain securities and bills of sale given by the bankrupt should be set aside, and that the proceeds of property to which they referred, and which amounted to £1774 17s 10d, should be declared to belong to the estate, as also certain book debts collected and in course of collection. His Honor granted the application as prayed.

AN OLD INSOLVENCY.

Re Thomas Mooney. This was a motion to set aside the order of the Court refusing the certificate which was made on March 13, 1883. Mr. R. K. Manning, instructed by Messrs. Perkins and Fosbery, appeared for the bankrupt. It was stated that the estate was sequestrated on October 25, 1879. His Honor made the order as prayed, and directed the certificate to issue after a nominal suspension of one day.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. A. Henry.)

EXAMINATIONS UNDER SECTION 30.

Re William J. Mitchell. Adjourned until the 29th instant.

Re Henry James Perrett. Adjourned until June 7.

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re James Pugh. Adjourned until the 17th instant.

Re Henry James Perrett. Adjourned until June 7.

MOTIONS FOR RELEASE.

Re Walter Edwin Bramble. There was no appearance in support of the motion to release the estate from sequestration, notice of which had been given, and on the application of the official assignee the matter was adjourned until the 25th instant.

Re Ann Elizabeth Curnow and W. Curnow. Adjourned until the 17th instant, as the release of the estate had not yet been completed.

MOTION UNDER SECTION 61.

Re Charles Bourne Airey. Mr. Armitage appeared for the bankrupt, and after hearing argument the Registrar made an order upon the bankrupt for the payment of £1 10s per month, the first payment to be made on June 1.

SINGLE MEETINGS.

Re Frederick Benson Pope. The bankrupt was examined by the official assignee. The meeting was closed, and the public examination declared concluded.

Re Walter Fielding. By consent the single meeting was adjourned until the 29th instant, and ordered to be held at Coonamble.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATION.

Samuel Yamur, of Hassall-street, Randwick. Mr. N. F. Giblin, official assignee.

DISTRICT COURT.

(Before his Honor Judge Murray.)

ACTION ON A STREET COLLISION.

M'Indoe v. Lomer.

Mr. Pickburn for the plaintiff, Mr. Hamilton for the defendant.

Stewart M'Indoe, of Bathurst-street, Sydney, sued F. Lomer, trading as F. Lomer and Co., 37 Broadway, Glebe, for £20, for that the defendant, by his servant, so negligently and unskilfully drove and managed a horse and cart along George-street, Sydney, that the horse and cart were forced and driven against the plaintiff's horse and sulky, whereby the plaintiff's horse was caused to bolt and was thrown down and wounded, the plaintiff's servant was thrown out, the plaintiff's sulky and harness were broken and damaged, and the plaintiff was put to expense in curing the horse and repairing the sulky and harness, and was deprived of the services of his servant. The defendant paid into court £4 in satisfaction of the claim and 5s 6d costs. Notwithstanding such payment he denied liability.

His Honor, after hearing, gave a verdict for plaintiff for £9 over and above the amount paid into court.

CLAIM FOR ALLEGED SLANDER.

Sparkes v. Hamblin.

Mr. G. Wallace, of Wallace and Son, for the plaintiff; Mr. Scholes, instructed by Mr. J. W. Abigail, for the defendant.

This was an action brought by George Sparkes, of Camperdown, against Walter Hamblin, of the Avenue, Camperdown, for £50 damages. The plaintiff declared that he was a member of an Orange lodge, and had resigned his membership, whereupon the defendant falsely and maliciously spoke of him the words following:—"Take no notice of him; he was kicked out of the Orange lodge," meaning thereby that the plaintiff was a person unworthy of credit, whose word should not be regarded, and that he had been guilty of improper conduct, and by reason thereof had been expelled from the lodge, whereby the plaintiff was injured in his credit and reputation. The plaintiff is an alderman of Camperdown, and defendant is an auditor of the borough.

Mr. Wallace said plaintiff was not suing so much for damages as to clear his character.

Mr. Abigail, for defendant, said the defence was a denial of the words complained of. What the defendant did say was in answer to plaintiff's questions. The slander, if any, was therefore by plaintiff's contrivance, and was therefore privileged; further, plaintiff was expelled from the Orange lodge.

His Honor, after hearing, said that coupled with the unsatisfactory evidence on the other side he was satisfied that the words were brought out in the way stated by the defendant. Therefore the presumption of malice was altogether rebutted, and privilege arose. When a matter had actually occurred and a man was asked about it in the way described, if he answered "Yes, that is so," even although the statement of fact reflected on the character of the man to whom the fact was spoken, it could not be said the words were uttered maliciously in any sense, for they were uttered in circumstances that rendered their utterance justifiable. He found a verdict for the defendant.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—Friday, May 11.

Term List (to be taken in Banco Court).—For Judgment: Brierly v. Borough of Burwood. Special Cases and Demurrers: Davies v. Williamson, special case; Josephson v. Young, special case; Bradstock v. Campbell, demurrer; Ackerman v. Ackermann, special case. (To be taken in No. 1 Jury Court) Motions, &c.: Ex parte Henry Hart, mandamus (part heard); ex parte David Mackey, prohibition; ex parte F. G. Brooker, prohibition; ex parte M. Ackermann and others, mandamus; ex parte A. Nicholson, prohibition.

In Equity.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity. At 10 a.m.: Perpetual Trustee Company v. Cowan, for judgment. At 10.30 a.m., Motions generally: Gotthelf v. Saywell, motion for injunction; re R. M. J. Sleigher and others (infants), summons to appoint guardian; Harris v. Dickens, motion for decree; Ryan v. Ryan, motion for directions; same v. same, petition for leave to sell; Hughes and another v. Carmody, motion for decree; re will of P. Brennan (deceased) and Conveyancing Act, further consideration; M'Laughlin v. Foley, motion to appoint receiver; Campbell v. Ellison, summons for leave to serve out of jurisdiction; Penrose v. Resch, summons for leave to serve out of jurisdiction.

Master's Office.—At 10 a.m.: Company and Lunacy matters. At 2 p.m.: Melliday v. M'Mahon, to deliver decision; Brett v. Hamilton, to settle minutes of decree; M'Cracken v. Bennett, to settle minutes of decree; National Mutual Life Association v. Benjamin, to settle minutes of decree; Bridge v. Bridge, to settle minutes of decree; Gore v. Gore, to settle minutes of order. Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 10.30 a.m.: Re Will of F. S. Bellair and Companies Act, to settle minutes of order. At 11 a.m.: Re O. C. Zymack (an infant), to settle minutes of order; Hand-in-Hand Company and Companies Act, to pass accounts.

In Chambers.—At 9.30 a.m.: Ex parte Hardill, prohibition (part heard).

Before the Deputy Registrar in Divorce.—Eades v. Eades, 10.30.

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before his Honor the Probate Judge.—At 10.30: In the will of Harriett Sophia Isley, for judgment; motions for probates and administration, motions to pass accounts and for commission, motions for sale of real estate, miscellaneous motions. Before the Deputy Registrar.—To pass accounts: At 10.45, Eliza Jane Lucas; at 11, Thomas Carrick; at 11.15, Alexander Mackay; at 11.30, William Henry Gillas.

In Bankruptcy.—Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy.—At 11 a.m.: Hearing of creditors' petitions—Heyde, Todman, and Co. v. Adolphus Sylvester Fasher, Jewell, Davis, and Co. v. A. O. Ascher. Examinations section 30—Percy Gregory Board, Charles Hanson (Lars Pedu Hunsfeldt).

DISTRICT COURT.—Friday, May 11.

(Before his Honor Judge Murray, at 10 a.m.).

Motions generally.—Richardson v. Tracey, Fealy v. Broomfield, Wallace v. Hassan Khan, West v. Thompson, Thompson v. Dalton, O'Brien v. Wallace, Payten and another v. Mosley, Sharp and another v. Lambert, Briscoe and others v. Moore, Foster and another v. Gavin, Johnson v. Segaert, Mayer v. Rahamut.

Note.—The motion list will be called over punctually at 10 a.m.

(Before the Registrar, in No. 2 Court).

Booker v. Langley and another, 10.30 a.m.; Pepper and Co., Limited, v. Sirzom, 10.45 a.m.; Brook v. Powderhill, 11 a.m.; Murphy v. M'Cabe, 11.15 a.m.; Nelson and another v. Grady, 11.30 a.m.; Read v. Spencer and another, 11.45 a.m.; Hope v. Morris, 12 noon.

THE LEICHHARDT BURGLARY.

TWO MEN COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

At the Glebe Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Wilshire, S.M., an Italian named Louis Costa, aged 40, and a Frenchman named Hippolyte Fournier, aged 39, were charged with having, in company, broken into and entered the shop of Charles G. Hatte, Parramatta-road, Leichhardt, and stolen therein 179½ yards of silk, satin, and velveteen, 10 pairs men's boots, 8 suit clothes, 4 overcoats, 2 waterproofs, 2 jerseys, 15 undershirts, 34 shirts, 10 pairs socks, 8 felt hats, 27 handkerchiefs, 3 pairs braces, and 6 towels, value in all £144 0s 8d, the property of Charles G. Hatte, on or about May 5.

Evidence was given by John Smith, delivery clerk in Mr. Hatte's employ, and other employees, that on the 4th instant the premises were securely fastened at 6 p.m., but between that hour and 8 o'clock next morning they were broken into and the articles produced in court were stolen. Marks of candle-grease were found on the floor next morning, and several of the windows had been forced. A young man named Herbert Forbes stated that last Sunday about 5 p.m. he and two others were seated on the doorstep of a shop, No. 60 Rofe-street, Leichhardt. As they leaned against the door it opened. They all went inside from curiosity. The shop was unoccupied. In a back room they found several bags which contained drapery, boots, &c. On top of the bags were burglars' tools, 2 overcoats, a bulls'-eye lantern, and other things. They informed the police.

Constable John Lane, stationed at Leichhardt, stated that with Sergeant Mackie he went last Sunday evening to an unoccupied shop and dwelling at 60 Rofe-street, Leichhardt, at 8 o'clock, and remained there until midnight. They were the only occupants of the shop up to 11.30 o'clock. When they first went there they saw four bags containing something, which on examination they found to consist of boots and drapery goods. They also found the chisel, gimlets, and lantern produced. Two overcoats were lying on top of the bags. At 11.30 p.m. the entrance door was unlocked and a man entered. He took the key out of the door, took off his boots, and walked into the room where the stolen property was lying. Witness and the sergeant went towards him, and he ran out in the direction of the front door, but witness caught and handcuffed him, and took him into the back room. There he was searched, and the candle produced was taken from his side pocket, and the key of the house they were in from his left coat pocket. He said he had come there to sleep as he had no home, that his name was Costa, and that he had no mates. He denied all knowledge of the goods or tools found in the house. He was then further secured, and they remained in the building until 4.45 next morning, when there were some knocks on the outer wall of the room where the goods were, and near to where Costa was lying. The voice called out, "Louie, wake up; time to get up." The voice sounded like that of a foreigner. The sergeant went outside, but could see no person. An hour later similar knocks were again heard, and a voice calling out, "Why you no get up when I call you? I have the cocoa waiting." Costa made a reply which witness did not understand. The sergeant then rushed out to the back yard, and returned with Fournier in custody. Fournier denied that he had called Louie, or that he knew anything about the stolen property. Fournier lived almost next door. His premises were searched, and a handcart found in the yard.

Both the accused were committed to take their trial at the next court of gaol delivery at Darlinghurst. Bail was allowed.

POLICE COURTS.

Indecent Language.—At the Water Police Court, before Mr. Isaacs, S.M., yesterday, Joseph Oscar Thorne, 28, a labourer, was fined 40s, with the alternative of 14 days' imprisonment, for using indecent language in Market-lane, Manly. He was further fined 10s, or three days' gaol, for being drunk in the yard of the Aquarium Hotel, Manly, whilst open to the public.

Absent Without Leave.—At the Water Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. F. S. Isaacs, S.M., Henry Pritchard, 46, a seaman, was charged with being absent without leave from the Orient liner Ortona, lying at the Circular Quay. He was sentenced to three days' imprisonment, with hard labour.

Breach of the Early Closing Act.—Before Mr. C. Delohery, S.M., yesterday, in the Summons Division of the North Sydney Police Court, Charles Mason, a butcher, carrying on business at the Crow's Nest, Willoughby-road, was fined 5s, with 5s 6d costs, levy and distress, for keeping his shop open after 6 p.m. on April 30 last contrary to the provisions of the Early Closing Act.

A Youthful Offender.—At the North Sydney Police Court yesterday, before Mr. C. Delohery, S.M., William Moralles, 9 years of age, was charged with stealing at Mosman on the 5th instant a purse and about 3s 6d in money, the property of Lilian Nash. Accused was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment, in lieu of which, however, he was ordered to be sent on board the N.S.S. Sobraon.

Committed for Trial.—At the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Edwards, S.M., Richard Lawson, 44, was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions on a charge of having stolen a silver watch-chain, a pencil case, and 7s 8d in money from Robert O'Connor. James Wilson, 49, jeweller, was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions on a charge of having maliciously injured a plate-glass window, valued at £15, the property of Charles William Versall, 69 Castlereagh-street. Arthur Taylor, alias Byron Beaumont, 38, commercial traveller, charged with having obtained, partly by means of a false pretence and partly by means of a false promise, the sum of £5 from Henrietta Lillias Falk, was committed for trial. Bail was allowed.

Theft of a Copper.—At the Redfern Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Smithers, S.M., William Furlong, aged 15, and John Power, aged 16, were charged with having in company stolen a copper boiler of the value of 28s, the property of Bridget Dyson, at Redfern, on May 8. The accused took the copper from an unoccupied house. Power was ordered to be imprisoned with hard labour for one month, and Furlong was ordered to be sent to the Carpenterian Reformatory for 12 months.

Neglecting to Comply with the Health Act.—At the Glebe Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Wilshire, S.M., George Thomas Law, inspector for the borough of the Glebe under the Health Act, proceeded against Margaret Meekier for having neglected to comply with an order of the Court made by Mr. Isaacs, S.M., at the Glebe Police Court for the defendant to at once comply with a requisition issued under the Public Health Act to abate a nuisance and to construct a gully trap within a period of 14 days from the date of the said order. The defendant pleaded guilty, and stated that she had not the money to pay for the work to be done, and only received the magistrate's order on Tuesday last. She was fined £1 and costs 5s 6d, in default levy and distress.

Filthy Premises.—At the Glebe Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Wilshire, S.M., Philip James Newland, inspector for the borough of Leichhardt, proceeded against Joseph Lanchet for having caused a nuisance by gathering and keeping filthy rags and bones on premises occupied by him at the corner of Percival and Piper streets, Leichhardt. The accused pleaded guilty to having the things on his premises, but stated that it was in connection with his business. He was fined £2, in default levy and distress.

APPEAL COURTS.

DRUMMOYNE.

Mr. C. Delohery, S.M., presided at a Revision Court at the Balmain Police Court on Wednesday for the purpose of hearing appeals lodged against the municipal assessment for the year 1900-1901 for the borough of Drummoyne. Mr. E. C. Morgan (council clerk) produced the lists for the year. The assessors (Messrs. Lloyd and Taylor) appeared to uphold their valuations. There were 35 appellants, representing a total of 89 appeals. The majority of the appeals were settled at a friendly Appeal Court held by the assessors, leaving only two appellants, representing about 40 appeals to be decided, most of which were reduced.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

The directors of the above society held their monthly board meeting at the institution on Tuesday last. The following directors were present:—Sir Arthur Renwick (president), Messrs. U. W. Carpenter and E. T. Penfold (vice-presidents), W. Henson (hon. treasurer), and R. Anderson, W. Crispin, W. Cooper, G. Fowles, H. W. Hammond, C. Lester, J. Stedman, and J. Gregg. The weekly average number of outdoor cases was 773, being nine less than the previous month. There were 68 fresh applications for relief and 13 renewals; there had been 341 cases visited. The cost of provisions, &c., was £223 8s 10d. The house return showed that there were remaining in the institution at the end of the month 66 women and 120 children. The admissions were 25 women and 52 children, the discharges 29 women and 70 children, 18 births had taken place, and there had been five deaths. The library return showed an issue of 49 volumes. The medical report was read, and salaries and accounts for the month were passed. Mr. Hugh Dixson was appointed a life governor of the society in consideration of a donation of £100. It was reported that matters in connection with the will of the late Mrs. Tyre had been referred to the society's hon. consulting solicitor (Mr. J. Williamson).

The Championship Lawn Tennis Tournament—Saturday's play and portraits of the champions. See this week's "Mail."—Advt.

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With advancing years greyness increases. Stop this with Lockyer's Sulphur Hair Restorer, which darkens to the former colour and preserves the appearance. Lockyer's Restorer is made in England only.—Advt.

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Fry's Cocoa. Be sure you get Fry's.—Advt.

PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

THE QUESTION OF UNION.

The session of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church was continued at St. Stephen's Church yesterday, the Moderator, the Rev. J. C. Macdonald, being in the chair.

A DISPUTE AMICABLY SETTLED.

A committee was appointed to meet the Rev. W. F. Craigie, in order to discuss the questions of the writ he had issued against the Moderator, the letter he had sent and which was read to the assembly, and the proposed deliverance of the assembly on the Richmond River trust business. After a retirement of nearly an hour the committee returned and reported that the whole difficulty had been satisfactorily settled, so that the legal proceedings would cease, the letter be withdrawn, and the proposed deliverance be amended. Mr. Craigie addressed the assembly briefly, and was applauded, and the alteration of the deliverance was made amid applause.

INTERCOURSE WITH OTHER CHURCHES.

The report of the committee on intercourse with other Churches was presented by the Rev. Dr. Laing. It was as follows:—

"Union.—The returns from presbyteries on the assembly's remit, embracing the scheme of union, were received and considered by the commission, which met in October of last year. The result was that the scheme of union remained as it left the assembly, with this important difference, that sections III. and V. were restored to the basis from the articles of agreement. Since that, the federal assembly has met in Melbourne, with this result that, after long and animated debate, sections III., IV., and V. were retained in the basis; 'general' has been substituted for 'national,' as the designation of the assembly of the church of Australia; and the whole scheme of union adopted, with very slight amendment. The scheme of union has again been sent down to the supreme courts of the several Churches for acceptance or rejection as a whole, as is now laid before the assembly. Sections III., IV., and V., as adopted by the federal assembly, now read as follows:—III. Any proposed revision or abridgment of the subordinate standard of the Church, or restatement of its doctrine, shall, before being adopted, be remitted to the local assemblies, and through them to the presbyteries, and no change shall be made without the consent of a majority of the local assemblies, three-fifths of the presbyteries of the whole Church, and a majority of three-fifths of the members present at the meeting of the general assembly when the final vote is taken. IV. Any minority consisting of at least one-fifth of the congregations of the whole Church, protesting against a change of the basis of union, and determining to adhere to it, may retain their property in their own churches, manses, and glebes, provided that in each of the congregations protesting three-fifths of the members on the communion roll declare, by a certified document, and within three months after the adoption of the proposal to change, that they cannot acquiesce in it, but are resolved to continue their connection with the Church, adhering to the basis of union. V. In the case of any minority, consisting of less than one-fifth of the congregations of the whole Church, refusing to acquiesce in any adopted change of the basis of union, the general assembly shall have power to deal with the property belonging to the congregations of the minority as may seem meet and equitable to the assembly. The addition, 'three-fifths of the members present,' &c., renders this section both more severe as well as complete. Section IV., as given here, is the full text of what was only indicated in the clause as it left the adjourned meeting of the federal assembly in April, 1899. Section V. is adjusted to section IV. The designation, 'general,' has been adopted in deference to the wishes of the New South Wales Church. The following is the finding of the federal assembly at its meeting in Melbourne in March last:—'The assembly adopt the scheme as amended, and express their gratitude to God for the good feeling that has prevailed among the members representing the various Churches in the federal assembly during the lengthened period that the question of union has been under discussion, and further prospect there is of a harmonious settlement of the negotiations being reached; agree to remit the scheme to the supreme courts of the negotiating Churches for acceptance or rejection as a whole. Agree also to hold an adjourned meeting of this assembly, in Melbourne, on the 20th June next at 7.30 p.m., to receive the returns and deal with them; and, further, that it be a recommendation to that meeting, in the event of the final adoption of the scheme, to arrange for the first meeting of the general assembly, to be held in Sydney in the month of July, 1901, or such other date as may be found suitable. Reappoint the committee, and empower the executive to take such steps as they, in their wisdom, may deem desirable for securing a successful meeting at the opening session of the new assembly.' The representatives of our Church present at the federal assembly, though comparatively few in number, loyally supported the action of our assembly in seeking to eliminate section IV. of the basis, and were strongly supported by the learned procurator. After a long and able discussion the federal assembly resolved to retain all these sections, and, as all the contracting parties, except the Church of New South Wales, have indicated their purpose to accept them, it now rests with us to determine whether the union shall be speedily accomplished or indefinitely postponed. A statement of the voting on the occasion may be of interest. The first amendment by Mr. Affleck for the omission of section IV. was lost—there being ayes 23, noes 35. Dr. Macdonald's amendment for the excision of sections III., IV., and V. was also negatived by 32 votes to 26. The motion for the retention of all the clauses was carried by 32 votes to 19.

"Synods of Eastern Australia.—In view of the anticipated union of the Presbyterian churches of Australia, and in harmony with its spirit, it was suggested that overtures should be made to the synods of Eastern Australia, with a view to their joining the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales. There now exists the synod of Eastern Australia, consisting of four ministers with charges, and the reconstituted synod of Eastern Australia, consisting of three ministers and their congregations. At first it was thought that communications might be opened with these brethren by your committee, but, on maturer consideration, it was regarded as beyond the province of the committee to initiate such a movement, and it was resolved to bring the matter before this assembly.

"Commissions to Other Churches.—At the January meeting, the convener laid on the table a letter received by him as clerk of the assembly, and from the conveners of the committee on the jubilee arrangements of the Church in Queensland, stating that the Rev. Professor Cosh and Rev. J. Ferguson had been invited to take part in the celebration this week, and requesting that a commission be given to these brethren, appointing them to represent this church thereat. The difficulty in acceding to this request lay in the fact that the general assembly has hitherto not delegated authority to any committee or official to give commissions. After due consideration, this committee passed a resolution recommending the Moderator and clerk to give a commission to Dr. Cosh and Rev. J. Ferguson, subject to the approval of the general assembly, which was done. The committee submit these facts in the belief that, under the circumstances, the committee's action will be condoned. The committee further resolved to recommend the assembly to authorise the committee to grant commissions to other churches, to ministers and elders who the committee might consider would properly represent the church, when neither assembly nor commission is in session."

UNION OF THE CHURCHES.

A discussion ensued on that part of the report of the committee which treated of the question of union. The assembly went into committee of the whole for the purpose, and the Rev. W. M. Dill Macky was voted to the chair. Clause 4 was taken as the basis of the discussion.

The Rev. Dr. Clouston moved,—"That clause 4 be retained in the basis of union. The clause he said followed as a natural corollary to clause 3. It had been said that the 20 per cent. minority was a drag on the Church, but he was convinced that instead of being a drag it would be a steadying influence operating against any too hasty legislation. Any proposition having real merit and no danger even if opposed by one-fifth at first would ultimately have its merits so clearly defined that the objections of the one-fifth would be removed and unanimity of opinion be established; while if the proposition were weak, even though made by four-fifths, the minority who saw right from the first would have an opportunity of bringing and making their case clear to the majority. He feared that if the Church of New South Wales stood out against the clause the scheme of union would be dropped by the other Churches. It could certainly not work meretriciously, and personally he believed that such a position as the clause contemplated would not arise. The Church of New South Wales should be true to its Church, whatever direction the legislation might turn in. (Applause.)

Mr Garland, M.L.A. (the Procurator), said it was clear that the basis must again go down to presbyteries. He joined issue in the statement that the rejection of the clause would delay union indefinitely. Queensland and Tasmania were prepared to give up the clause to-morrow if New South Wales rejected it. He did not know about South Australia.

The Rev. Professor Rentoul, D.D.: So will Victoria.

Mr. Garland: And they had it on the authority of Mr. Anderson and Professor Harper, the main advocates of the clause in Victoria, that that colony would not demand adherence to it if New South Wales would not take it. So the fear of delay was not real. As to the use of the clause, he appealed to the conservative body of the Church to recognise that that clause was not the only one, not the main one, designed to preserve the conservatism of the Church. Were the members of the Church not prepared to trust matters of property to the ecclesiastical courts, which they trusted with matters of doctrine? He never could understand why the spiritual court was to be trusted to deal with the rights of any number less than one-fifth, while the rights of any number over that proportion must not be so entrusted, but must be taken to the civil courts. (Hear, hear.) If clause IV. were retained there would be a pretty fight about clause III. As to offending their Victorian brethren—(Dr. Rentoul: "It's nonsense.")—New South Wales had made more sacrifices in the cause of union than had Victoria. (Dr. Rentoul: "Hear, hear," and applause.) Blot out clause IV., and that court still would have absolute power over its property as it had over its doctrine. (Applause.)

The Rev. W. M. Dill Macky said he could not silently allow that clause to be thrown out. It had been said that it would cause schism, but he held that it would, on the contrary, prevent schism. As to the talk about trusting the ecclesiastical court, he could trust that court, because he knew the members, but he did not know the members of 50 years hence.

The Rev. Dr. M'Innes: Let them legislate for themselves. (Laughter.)

The Rev. W. M. Dill Macky: No; that was just what he did not want to do, because he wanted to preserve the foundation of the Church. (Hear, hear.)

The Rev. G. D. Buchanan said the men who all along objected to union were the men who now objected to union because of clause IV. There were all sorts of objections raised, and each had been removed one after the other. Now the objectors came to the last ditch, clause IV., and when that was removed—— (Cries of "Oh, no.") Well, he had a right to be hopeful. It was a singular fact that the soil Presbyterianism grew the plant Unitarianism, and many Presbyterians had become Unitarians. Probably the reason was that Unitarianism was all intellectuality and no spirituality, and as the Presbyterian Church trained its men so highly the intellectual overmastered the spiritual, and they went where they could get all intellectuality. Clause IV. was a most valuable brake, and would most assuredly come to the aid of the Church at a dangerous and critical period. It would prevent schism, because it would make the four-fifths careful lest they drove away the one-fifth with its property to become a schism.

Mr. John Kirkland said that in talking of schism one had to remember that the one-fifth, who would be the minority, would be a minority not because they wanted a change, but because they resisted a change desired by the four-fifths. He did not think the clause would ever be needed, but a sound principle was involved in its retention, and he thought it should be retained.

The Rev. Dr Cameron said the clause was dangerous, and inasmuch as the fundamental principle of the Church was rule by majority it was also un-Presbyterian. (Hear, hear.)

At this stage the presence in the house of Mr. G. H. Reid, Q.C., M.L.A., was observed, and at the invitation of the Assembly he took a seat on the platform. On the motion of the Rev. Dr. M'Innes he was further invited to address the Assembly on the matter of union. Mr. Reid, however, acknowledged the compliment paid to him, but excused himself from addressing the house.

The debate was adjourned, and the house rose till evening.

Upon the resumption of the sitting at 7 p.m. the report of the treasurer and finance committee was placed before the meeting by Mr. J. T. Walker. The gross revenue amounted to £49,992 9s, and the gross expenditure, including investments, to £50,489 7s 1d. The assembly fund account showed an indebtedness of £803 18s 3d, being a reduction of £15 17s 2d during the year, after allowing for interest and the year's current expenses. Steps had been taken, in accordance with the assembly's instructions, to obtain proposals from congregations in arrears, with a view to liquidating, or at all events reducing, the indebtedness by a reasonable composition. During the year the debit balance of the home mission fund had been increased from £3603 12s 1d to £3901 2s 9d, showing an increase of £297 10s 8d, attributable partly to the fact that the new system of finance is not yet in full operation. During the year the debit balance of the foreign missions fund had increased from £618 12s 3d to £855 18s 7d, being a nominal loss on the year's working of £237 6s 4d. As in the case of the previous paragraph, the debit balances would be provided for in due course by the centenary thanksgiving fund.

In regard to the centenary thanksgiving fund the committee reported that on December 31, 1899, the funds had been increased by £3458 18s 2d, owing to the preliminary work in connection with the centenary thanksgiving fund. As the official commencement was on January 1, 1900, it should be noted that the amount now reported did not represent the total cash received at the time of furnishing this report. The committee recommended the scheme to the support of the whole membership of the Church. The committee recommended that the percentage to be contributed by the various funds towards general expenses for 1900 should be as follows: Sustentation fund, 45 per cent.; home mission fund, 23; assembly fund, 19; foreign missions fund, 7; general capital fund, 7; aged and infirm ministers' fund, 5; church and manse loan building fund, 2; Sabbath schools' fund, 1.

Mr. John Cameron moved the adoption of the following deliverance. The Rev. John Walker seconded the proposition:—"Receive the report. Thank the committee for its continued care and successful management of the affairs of the church. Enjoin upon all congregations to recognise their obligations to the assembly assessment fund and the federal assembly fund, and congregations which are in arrears to make every effort to clear them off. Authorise the committee to accept compositions for arrears in cases where it deems it expedient to do so. Authorise the committee to continue the home mission account in overdraft up to £4000, pending the amount being cleared off by the operations of the centenary thanksgiving fund. Adopt the ratio in which the respective funds shall bear their proportion of the general expenses. Authorise the committee to transfer to the credit of the general expenses fund the sum of 2½ per cent. on the income of all funds not included in the eight funds specially assessed for general expenses: no levy to be made on donations for capital. Authorise the rate of assembly assessment at 1½ per cent. on the ordinary income of each congregation, irrespective of the amount of congregational revenue. Authorise the assessment of 1½ per cent. on the stipends for 1899 for the federal assembly fund."

In presenting his report, Mr. Walker referred to the fact that the honour group of congregations which had responded to all collections during the year had increased to 56. The church continued to be in debt to the Women's Missionary Association. Bush churches were admittedly at a great disadvantage in regard to weekly offerings, owing to the distances many members and adherents had to travel to attend.

The assembly adjourned until the following morning.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE EX-STUDENTS' UNION.

The annual smoke concert of St. Joseph's College Ex-Students' Union was held on Wednesday night at the Victoria Hotel. Mr. T. J. Purcell presided over a large gathering. Among the guests were the Rev. Father Le Rennetel (St. Patrick's), Brothers Dennis and Wilfred, Messrs. W. J. Spruson, M.L.A., J. J. Power, A. Eve, E. O'Farrell, and representatives of Riverview and St. Aloysius' Colleges. An entertaining programme was contributed by Messrs. Harry Leston, Mannix, M'Ivor, Earl, Bennett, Krohmann, Chalmers, and Hogan. Spirited bouts at foils were fought between Messrs. Wunderlich and Michou in the French style, and in the Italian style by Messrs. Lazarus and Rical. Messrs. Brown and Henty gave an exhibition of swordsmanship, the gathering throughout being successful.

BALMAIN SANITATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—By the report published in the "Herald" recently in reference to the above, outsiders would be likely to infer that the plague was epidemic in Balmain. All the cases that have developed here have emanated from the infected area in Sydney. None of the local contacts has shown any signs of the disease, clearly indicating that the source of infection is not in the neighbourhood. No development of the disease in Balmain would warrant the quarantining of the neighbourhood recently referred to any more than in another part of Balmain, from which were taken four cases in about the same area as those from Rozelle. One of the Rozelle cases, as also one in central Balmain, were employees in Sydney.

If the local authorities will only use the powers vested in them under the municipal and health Acts there need be no necessity for quarantining any portion of Balmain, and creating an unnecessary scare thereby, at the same time putting a large number of people to considerable loss and inconvenience.

The local rubbish tip is a necessary evil, but can in no way be held responsible for any of the plague cases. From a sanitary point of view the condition of affairs presently and a few years ago cannot in any way be compared. The terrible stench and filthy appearance of these upper reaches is fortunately a thing of the past. Had the plague come into the neighbourhood a few years ago one almost shudders to think what might have been the outcome.

If local government is to be an actuality less dependence should be placed on the central Government. In the case of unpleasant duties there is a disposition to pass things on, but, as I have already pointed out, if the local authorities will only give effect to the powers with which they are vested—vide Attorney-General Wise—there need be no necessity for asking the Government's intervention. The fact that a certain revenue obtained for years past, ostensibly for emptying pans, the larger part of which has been appropriated for other purposes, will shortly be lost causes an amount of apathy in enforcing or urging the sewer connections. One would suppose that the municipal authorities would only be too glad to hasten the termination of so disgusting an arrangement at the earliest possible date. Our municipal fathers should hail with pleasure rather than with regret the passing away of the present filthy sanitary system, and help to bring about at as early a period as possible complete sanitation, which will make Balmain indeed the healthiest suburb in and around Sydney. The necessity for providing other revenue to take the place of that which is passing away is an unpleasant experience which will very shortly have to be dealt with, although the intention is to put off the evil day as long as possible. Ways and means are of course a very important factor in connection with the sanitary arrangements and cleaning of the borough. It is not possible for the present sanitary officer to carry out the necessary supervision that is requisite in such a largely populated area as Balmain if he is called upon to do a large amount of office work incidental to his own duties and general purposes. There is an impression abroad that our municipal officers are little worked and overpaid. To such a view I take exception, and am prepared to say that few of the aldermen, let alone the ratepayers, have any actual knowledge of the amount of work demanded from every officer. No man is harder worked than the present inspector of nuisances; the clerical work of this department alone is sufficient to employ a junior clerk at least, and even then the inspector by himself could scarcely carry out the work of effective inspection, and thereby prevent the necessity of complaints of nuisances having to be sent in by individual ratepayers.

I am, &c.,

May 10. GEORGE E. YOUNG.

THE ANNIVERSARY REGATTA FOR 1901.

A meeting of the Anniversary Regatta committee was held at the Hotel Australia on Wednesday night for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements for the regatta of 1901. Dr. A. Burne presided.

On the motion of Messrs. Donovan and Wood it was agreed that the Government be approached for the purpose of obtaining a subsidy for the Twentieth Century Regatta. Mr. P. W. Creagh, who opposed the motion, said, owing to the financial calls made upon the Government by the plague and military expenditure, it would seem unpatriotic to ask for the assistance proposed. Any vote of the kind would have to go before Parliament, and if it were not acceded to it would be humiliating. An objection to a Government grant was that if one were given it was generally on condition that the Government should stipulate to some extent how the money was to be used. The Anniversary Regatta had always been voluntarily supported by the citizens of Sydney, and he thought the citizens' aid should still be relied upon. Mr. J. Blackman pointed out that during the centennial year the Government assisted the Anniversary Regatta to the extent of £1200. He thought in 1901 the committee should get a grant of £500 if it showed it was able to raise a certain sum on its own account. Mr. A. G. Milson said it was of no use approaching the Government until after June 30. A sub committee, consisting of the executive officers, Dr. Burne, and three other gentlemen, with power to add to their number, was appointed to approach the Government on the subject at their discretion as to time.

On the motion of Mr. Q. L. Deloitte, a proposal by the Rowing Association was adopted that a two-days' regatta be held next year, and that one day be set aside for rowing events, which should be held on the Parramatta River. The executive was appointed a sub-committee to arrange for a flagship. The following were elected a committee to deal with rowing matters:—Messrs. Deloitte, Kennedy, Helsham, Hornimann, Blackman, Ferrier, M'Gregor, J. A. Fitzsimmons, Palmer, Mitchell, and C. A. Smith. A sailing committee was appointed as follows:—Messrs. Adams, Whaley, Lomas, S. Stephens, Milson, Pring, W. Reeks, S. T. Wilson, Donovan, Dew, Dempster, Andrews, C. J. Collins, S. Arnott, L. Levy, S. W. Spain, A. Cutler, Marks, A. C. Jewett, Cox, Pacey, and Cameron.

Dr. Burne was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and was elected chairman for the year with acclamation.

POLITICAL LIFE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I shall be glad if you will allow me a little space in your widely circulating and influential journal for a few remarks on our political life as it was, and is, and of what its trend is, and has been for some considerable time past. Allow me in my few remarks to say that I am a very old colonist, and as such have necessarily had a good deal of colonial experience of a versatile character, have seen many changes, and, like many others, have shared many of the vicissitudes of our colonial life; have seen the progress of the country since January 1, 1834, almost continuously to the present time, and of course recollect something of our first representative Legislature in 1843, and the establishment of responsible government since, and remember many periods of change, of droughts and floods, its hard times, the depression of its markets when sheep were selling from 6d to 1s a head, its plethora of prosperity in the heyday of squatting, its "Aladdin's lamp" days after the gold find, when fortunes were made, sometimes in a few weeks, and afterwards its ups and downs, and progress since to the present time. From a fairly good stock I had a natural leaning to the better class, but often in circumstances which brought my nose to the grindstone, and my living in close connection with the labouring classes, as time wore on there was awakened in me a deep sympathy for them. At this time I was, in my political sense of fair play, one of those (as it now appears, foolishly) who advocated payment of members, up to the introduction of which change, if there was some ground for suspicion that our representation in Parliament was not altogether impartial and unduly to the advantage of the well-to-do at the expense of the man of toil, still we had at least the highest grade intelligence obtainable for the guidance of our political affairs, which were conducted with wholesome independence and some show of honour. The Opposition did its work fairly well, and not being hampered by a clique it fearlessly and confidently pointed out abuses and insisted on their amendments, from which the Administration had no escape, since also it found no refuge then, as now, in a clique, since created, whose condition, grade, and cosy living, even its very existence, almost wholly depend (so it seems to me) upon the barter of its honesty for the position it holds. Such is the condition into which our political life has now drifted, and all through the payment of members, since when most of its manly independence, fearlessness, and honesty seem to have departed with the light of other days. Our position politically at the present time reminds me of a fairly poised balance, at one end at which is the Administration and its following, at the other the Opposition, while over the centre is perched a wayward and greedy jackdaw (the labour party) with a keen and exaggerated sense of its own importance, its practice of the first law of nature, self-preservation, and no small share of arrogance, while always alive for the loaves and fishes at no matter whose expense excepting its own, and who so long as the balance keeps even is contented with an occasional law, unless to make some fresh demand; but let the Opposition, even for the best of good reasons in the course of duty, appear in the way of scoring a point against maladministration, and there is any danger in it, this astute bird naturally puts its otherwise insignificant weight on that side of the scales which saves the Administration and at the same time its own life at our expense. And as one good turn deserves another, compensation after concession is made to it till its evil consequences permeate every grade and condition of our social and commercial life which involves the employment of labour; perhaps not apparent to all but to most of us, and at the expense of the country through the oft-recurring stagnation of trade and other untoward influences for which it is accountable, with other political dishonesty at the cost of the majority to favour a pampered few whose ambition and aims are all for self. When will my fellow-colonists see this and resent it as Mr. D. O'Connor manfully did in his Newcastle speech a few days ago? Only carefully review the history of the late Administration. Were you satisfied with it? Did, in your opinion, honesty and true independence always characterise its actions? Were there no fulsome promises made to the public in its times of danger? Was there no special leaning and obsequiousness shown to the labour party—no halting between two opinions in the course of duty—no sitting upon a rail—no yes-no policy to save its bacon—no effort made to checkmate the federal movement? Now let us take a glance at the doings of the present Administration. Has it, or does it, or dare it, show its independence of the labour party? Has it the courage to offend it? On the contrary, has it, like its predecessor, shown its leanings towards it? Take, for instance, the Early Closing Act. Perhaps it may be right to legislate against long hours of labour. So far, so good. But are people satisfied with that legislation which sets itself to control the hours of their own individual action in the furtherance of their own honest business affairs, often, too, so convenient to others? Are they willing to submit to a Compulsory Arbitration Act at the instance of the labour party, whose aims are so apparent, to which the Premier is now lending himself, by which men cannot regulate their own business affairs according to their own judgment? Or are they determined to stick up for their own rights as to how they may choose to deal with their own private estate without its interference, which is aimed at. Again, do they approve of the Government taking in hand its own work by day labour in opposition to the system of open contracts by fair competition. Can it be done as cheaply, and is there no danger of its employees being made subservient to political influence? (In the matter of cheapness I would remark, en passant, how hundreds of times I have noticed the slow methodical movements of the Government employees, in such marked contrast to the briskness of the contractors' men). Are the people satisfied with the rates paid by the Government for day labour, in some cases for that of mere loafers for whom special and unproductive work is often found at 6s and 7s per day, while there are thousands who cannot earn nearly as much at their own calling. The rates are far beyond what the legitimate employer of labour can afford, so that, with plenty to do, he cannot employ it; nor indeed will it be employed regularly at a fair wage with such a source as the Government to fall back upon, which it, in turn, helps to keep in office, and has itself the labour party ever ready to champion its cause. Oh no; it prefers occasional piecework with intervals of loafing on high pay. Can trade and commerce flourish under such conditions. Then, again, the beautiful consistency of the Government is shown in other directions. For instance, in the obtainment of sleepers for the Railway Department. This by contract at the lowest possible rates—at rates so low that for this really hard work, carried on with little comfort in the lone bush, the cutters-out (for all these sleepers are hewn out with the axe) can only earn from 4s to 4s 6d per day, besides having to pay out of it a monthly timber license fee of 10s. How does this agree with its extravagant liberality to its own direct employees for work a good deal of it unskilled manual labour obtained from charity seekers? Echo, I think answers the reason why; while we ask the question, Is this fair? Already we are under the burden of land and other taxes to make up for Government extravagance; and will it be long ere others are requisitioned to make up for deficiencies. Permit me, sir, to ask my fellow colonists, through you, are they prepared to submit to them? If not, we must get rid of this intrusive, self-seeking labour party, and, if possible, payment of members, when perhaps we shall stand a better chance to secure more fearless and independent Governments, and more honest representation by the best intelligence of the land, when all grades and classes alike shall have fair play, and with fairly good seasons, under the blessing of God, the country will go ahead.

I am, &c.,

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CHAPTER XIX.

HONOURED GUESTS.

"Mrs. Marjorum, I'm going to give a dinner-party."

"Yes, sir."

"A regular dinner-party, you understand?"

"Yes, sir. What day, sir, if you please?"

"The day after to-morrow; I am telling you in good time, because in this weather we shall want most of the things cold, so you can get them cooked beforehand."

"Very true, sir. What—what sort of things would be cold?" The farmer's wife surveyed her lodger doubtfully, imagination not being one of the good woman's strong points.

"Salmon," said he; "we'll dispense with soup, and begin with a cut of cold salmon and mayonnaise sauce. Never mind the sauce; it will come down ready-made. Also cutlets, galantines, lobsters in aspic; they'll all turn up in the hamper"—smiling at her—"and the sweets and ices too."

"I'm not to do anything of your own, sir?"

"Oh dear, yes; we shall want a lot of our own" (no one had a finer tact than William Farrell), "the things I mentioned are mere extras. Must have extras for a party, you know, Mrs. Marjorum."

"To be sure, sir"—brow again smooth; "then—?" looking at him, and fingering her apron. "Leg of mutton, sir?"

"N—no. Ladies don't care for mutton and beef; we'll give them something more fanciful. What about ducklings?"

"Why now, sir? Ducklings? Why you might ha' known" (perhaps he did) "that was the very thing I came to speak to you about this morning, to see if so be you could fancy a duckling? They are quacking down there by the pond"—hearkening through the window—"and as plump after last night's rain—guzzlin' since daylight—there's a couple as'll be the better o' killing this very minute"—her fingers itching for their necks.

"And green peas from our own garden," said he. (To hear him talk of "Our own garden"—the dear creature!) "You must do the vegetables, mistress" (she felt as if he had bestowed a high command), "and fruit for a tart. But we must not strip the garden. Your flowers are sure to be admired, so I'll send down enough to dress the table and the other room," carelessly—hollyhocks and dahlias were all very well in their place, but he had selected from the finest exotics that Covent Garden could supply.

"You'll want cream with the tart, sir?"

"And with the coffee. By the way, have you plenty of coffee?"

She had, and he knew he could trust her making of it, having been at the pains not only to instruct, but to superintend the manufacture of his after-dinner cup, on first coming to the farm. No second lesson had been needed.

By dint of the above judicious handling all was thus happily arranged, and the advent of the hamper awaited with serenity by the high-spirited dame; and we may add that, owing to this same adroitness on the part of a skilled performer, heartburnings, vexation, and mortification were alike conspicuous by their absence from Mrs. Marjorum's ample breast on the arrival presently of supplies which far exceeded anything she had been prepared for.

Fish, game, jellies, pasties, bestrewed her kitchen table; grapes, peaches, nectarines, and a redolent pine had to follow. There were two kinds of ices, each in its own refrigerator; there was an ice souffle; there were pretty, dainty creams, pink and white; there was a case of sparkling wines.

"Dear Lord, sir, it's a fair wonder to me how you can put up with what you get here, you that's accustomed to the like of this!" cried the bewildered housewife at last. It seemed to her that she had been harbouring a prince in disguise.

William Farrell laughed, well pleased and amused. He was a plain feeder, both from choice and necessity: "I leave this sort of thing to my brother Thomas," said he, "a partridge and a roast apple are enough for me."

"To be sure, sir, as I know."

"But when I have guests to whom I wish to do honour," proceeded the gentleman with a peculiar and significant emphasis, "they shall see that no pains have been spared. Shall they not, Mrs. Marjorum?"

"They shall, sir."

With his own hand he decked the little chamber until it grew into a bower. The scent was luscious, almost overpowering at last.

A couple of silver lamps were produced, and elegant china of a rare and costly make appeared mysteriously. Upon the silver dessert-dishes which presently adorned the sideboard rich fruit was piled high; small bonbonnieres of sugared violets and rose leaves filled up the interstices.

"You understand about the wine, mistress?"

"Marjorum does, sir. He is attending to it."

"And everything will be ready at half-past seven?"

"By the clock, sir."

Whereat William Farrell retired to his bedroom. When he emerged he was in full evening dress, and a diamond glittered in his shirt-front. He took out his handkerchief; it was perfumed with eau-de-Cologne. His hair had been cut and his beard trimmed that day. He looked singularly well.

It had seemed to Lionel Colvin that to put on an evening suit when going to dine at a farmhouse with a solitary bachelor was unnecessary, and would probably appear in the eyes of his host ridiculous; but the first sight of the latter strolling down the lane to meet his guests made him secretly glad that he had given way to his sisters on the point.

They had argued—under Bet's tutelage—that the compliment was due not to Billy, but to themselves. "We know what we ought to do, whether he does or not," they protested (the latter clause being an addition of Georgie's, in reply to her brother's "The Farrells know nothing about such things").

"Let us show that we are accustomed to proper evening clothes, both you and we," urged Bet, who for her part had early fixed on what she was to wear.

"But it is so dusty walking."

"Not by the fields, as we go. It is not a mile; and on this beautiful evening, when there is no chance of rain or wind——"

"All right; perhaps you're right. Walking does them no harm." ("For Henham is very much further off than the White Farm," thought he, "and what if they were to turn round on me with my own argument the first time I dine at Henham?")

"You see, he is in evening dress," whispered Bet, as they caught sight of the figure in the lane. The diamond flashed out as she spoke.

"You would have liked me to wear diamonds, too, I suppose?" retorted Lionel, ironically; but when he felt that the remark hurt her, he made a species of apology. "Only said it to tease you, old girl. A single diamond is no harm, though I bar them myself; and you were right about the other thing. It would never have done to seem to think his dinner not good enough."

In his heart he hardly expected a dinner that could be called a dinner at all. There would be food in abundance, no doubt—the Farrells ran to food, excellent in quality, profuse in quantity; but Lionel, who was precise in his notions, had rather jeered at Georgie's phrase "dining out" in connection with the White Farm.

He said very little about it afterwards. There came a day when he hated and loathed to think of it.

The party was ushered into a large, low-roofed chamber, well lit by windows in the two outer walls; and this, Mrs. Marjorum's best sitting-room, at other times, it must be confessed, a somewhat bare, if clean and well-kept apartment, was now a very blaze of gorgeous bloom; while rich tapestries, distributed with taste, transformed homely armchairs, and made of the old-fashioned couch a throne of luxury. The newest books and magazines bestrewed the tables.

Forethought and preparation were so obvious, that the lively exclamations of the sisters as they flitted hither and thither, examining and admiring, could not be found fault with even by their critical brother. He could not but own that where so much had been done acknowledgment was becoming; and besides, anyone may praise flowers.

"A bachelor's den," said Billy, modestly, "has to do what it can in the way of furbishing itself up when it is honoured like this. Yes, I did send them down from town. Sounds odd, don't it? But country flowers—at least, farm-house flowers—are best left on their own stalks. We can go out and see them there presently. Mrs. Marjorum has quite a show."

"I never smelt anything like this," said Georgie, looking round from a deep draught of tuberose. "And I never saw these growing before. Just look," and she drew half-way up from its glittering vase a heavy-laden branch. In another minute the vase lay broken on the floor, the water pouring over the carpet. "Oh dear, oh dear!"

The sisters were down on their knees mopping with their handkerchiefs, vexation and shame painted on their countenances, before Billy could stop them, and the luckless Georgie had followed the stream to the far end of the room, when a voice—the same kind voice that had before consoled on a similar occasion—brought peace afresh to her bosom. "My dear child, the glass wasn't worth sixpence" (he had paid a guinea for it). "The only thing that matters is your own pretty handkerchief. Let me fetch another," said Billy, slipping into the next room.

In a moment Bet was by her sister's side.

"What was he saying to you? What were you whispering about?"

"Bet!"

For Bet's voice was like the low roar of a lioness.

"'I say what? Tell me this instant."

Georgie shook herself free. Billy came back. She had not told. He smiled to himself; he guessed what had happened.

"Georgie is the smasher of the family," said Lionel, to the surprise of all coming to the rescue. "We have scarcely anything left whole at The Nook. Bet, you should have brought her up better. Where are these to go?"

For he had calmly picked up the flowers, which no one else had thought about, and was holding them in his hand.

"I think they belong to the 'smasher,'" said Billy, laughing; "but perhaps, as she can hardly wear them all, they may be divided." And he broke up the branch, presenting all round; but Bet walked up to Lionel with hers.

She pinned it into his buttonhole with sisterly solicitude, and was thus engaged when dinner was announced.

"I am afraid we must go down single file," said Billy; "the staircase does not admit of two abreast," and he stood by the door, holding it open. "And I daresay you will hardly believe it," as they severally passed before him, "but we had to do the same at a house I was dining at in Park Lane, the other day. It was the quaintest little house, with stairs like a mountain path," continued he, following down, and talking all the way. "Now"—to Lionel—"will you kindly take the other end of the table? And—oh!——" stopping short, for Bet had walked straight to a seat by her brother, leaving the one she should have occupied for anybody who chose. Poll and Georgie were standing irresolute.

But if for the space of a single brief moment our host was disconcerted, it must be said for him that he recovered himself with admirable celerity; nor did he seek to change the order of things. The table was small; it was not worth while to be formal.

And Bet made believe to be all that was happy and content in her self-imposed banishment. If Mr. Farrell chose to prefer Georgie's company—and he must prefer it, or he would not have run off after her to the end of the room—he had certainly a right to it at his own table. She would not interfere—oh, dear no.

And he need not think she minded. She, mind? She was gayer, more lively, and talkative than usual; quite as brimful of animation and admiration as any of them, and if she did make herself generally agreeable, and rather avoided meeting the eye of her host, what was there to blame in that?

(To be continued.)

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

ST. LEONARDS BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the St. Leonards branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held in the North Sydney School of Arts on Wednesday evening. There was a moderate attendance presided over by Mr. Mordaunt Clarke. There were also present Archdeacon Langley, Rev. W. Morley (Rockhampton), Rev. R. T. Hills (district secretary), Miss Martin (secretary St. Leonards branch), Rev. R. Mackinnon, and many others.

The meeting was opened with devotional exercises, after which the district secretary (Rev. R. T. Hills) read the annual report of the local branch, which, though not of a very satisfactory character, showed the receipts for the past year to be within £1 of the amount collected the previous year. The amount raised in North Sydney was £23 14s.

The chairman thought they could hardly consider the report just read at all satisfactory. He sincerely hoped the new year would close much more satisfactorily. There occurred to him a way in which the receipts might easily be increased, and that was by each of the local members doubling their subscriptions, which he was very willing to do.

Archdeacon Langley said he was glad to again have the privilege of speaking on behalf of that noble society whose works had attracted him in his early days. In his early connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society he became associated with the Rev. R. T. Hills, their general secretary, whose work in connection with the society he characterised as noble and devoted—work that was thoroughly appreciated by the London society. The society had a great duty to perform in undertaking to place in the hands of all races in the world the blessed Word of the living God, which work had proved successful in the highest and truest sense. He was glad to see by the last report of the London society that the circulation of the Bible had increased to a marvellous extent, which fact should rejoice the hearts of every true lover of the society. No less than 4,479,439 copies of the Word of God had been circulated throughout the world through the agency of the society, being 92,000 copies more than in the previous year. It was an evidence of what the society was doing in the matter of distributing the blessed Word amongst all the nations of the world. A pleasing feature of the report was that at any rate the funds had always been kept up to the needs of the society. The greater the signs of success the greater the claim on those supporting the society. In Australia, he was sorry to say, a great interest was not taken in the society and its work. Surely it could not be that the Lord's people were becoming less interested in His work. North Sydney should certainly contribute more largely to the funds than last year, or it was clear the people were not alive to their Christian duty. He suggested that an additional number of ladies should, out of love for the Word of God, attack the fortresses of coldness and indifference. By such measures they would meet with greater success. A very pleasing feature of last year's work was the manner in which the dark pall of superstition had been raised by the splendid work of the Bible Society. He referred to the work done in Eastern lands by the Bible women in circulating the Holy Scripture. Five hundred women were there engaged in selling and reading the Word of God to those willing to receive it. Fully 3000 women had been read to and 1900 taught how to read.

Addresses were also delivered by the Revs. W. Morley, R. Mackinnon, and R. J. Hills.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. W. Mordaunt Clarke; treasurer, Mrs. M. Clarke; secretary, Miss Martin.

POSTAL SERVICES—SYDNEY TO NEWCASTLE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Considering the great commercial importance of Newcastle, with its large shipping trade, I know of no city in the colonies which has such an inefficient postal service. Mails are forwarded three times each day from Sydney, namely, by the 9.5 a.m. train, the 6.15 p.m. Brisbane mail, and by the steamer which leaves at 11.30 p.m., but the last two mails are delivered at the same time, namely, at 8 a.m. the following day, which makes two deliveries in Newcastle of mails from Sydney. The merchant of Sydney finds it necessary to post his correspondence for Newcastle between the hours of 4.45 p.m. and 8 o'clock the following morning; the other business portions of the day no letters can be forwarded, although Newcastle is only 100 miles from Sydney. But this is not all. The merchant who posts a letter for Newcastle at 4.45 on Monday afternoon cannot receive a reply to it, however urgent it may be, until Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock. The Sydney merchant can post a letter for Melbourne two hours later than the one for Newcastle and receive a reply to it only five hours later than the one for Newcastle. Thus there is only three hours of difference between receiving a reply to a letter from Melbourne than one from Newcastle, which may be said to be at our own doors. What I would like to ask is, Is it not the duty of our Postmaster-General to see that a better service is provided? If he has no power to have the trains run to Newcastle to suit the mails, something ought to be done to have them sent by sea, as there are a great number of steamers leaving Sydney for Newcastle on almost every day of the week. But suitable train arrangements to Newcastle are severely felt in the case of correspondence from the southern colonies. Letters from Western Australia, South Australia, and Victoria reaching here at 10.50 a.m. each day are not delivered in Newcastle until 8 a.m. the following day. The letters are allowed to lie in Sydney for seven hours, and are sent on at 6.15 p.m., reaching Newcastle at 9.35 p.m. Correspondence from Melbourne for Newcastle is carried by the express train, which does the journey in 17½ hours from Melbourne to Sydney, yet it is not delivered in Newcastle for 21 hours after its arrival in Sydney.

May 8. I am, &c., PRODUCER.

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SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

Entries for the pony and galloway races to be held at Rosebery Park on Tuesday next close with the secretary, Mr. A. E. Bateman, before 5 p.m. to-day. Particulars of the programme will be found in the advertising columns.

The following scratchings were recorded yesterday in connection with the Rosehill May meeting:—Hurdle: Glen Etive and Chaplain. All engagements: Providar. Stewards' Mile: So Long. May Handicap: Boreas II.

The secretary, Mr. P. O'Mara, will receive entries up to 5 p.m. to-day for the pony and galloway races to be held at Kensington on Wednesday next. The programme will be found in the business portion of the paper.

Messrs. William Inglis and Son will offer for sale at their bazaar, Pitt-street, a chestnut gelding, brother to So Long by Splendor (imp.) from Te Te, and a bay or brown gelding, by Goldsbrough from Recuerdo. These horses are direct from the station where they were reared, and have never been raced.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Forest Lodge on Monday next. Entries for the different events close with the secretary, Mr. T. S. Donnellan, before 5 p.m. to-day. Particulars will be found in the advertising columns.

Fairy Boy (a brother to Fairy Prince) and Lady Macbeth are now being trained at Randwick by W. Nood.

A smoke concert was held at City Tattersall's Club last night, when the room was filled to overflowing. Mr. James Clarke, president, was in the chair. A long programme of vocal and instrumental items was gone through, among the contributors being Messrs. W. Edwards, W. M'Lean, H. Carroll, H. Wilkie, B. Gurney, R. Leonard, B. Chapman, and Master Boulton.

UPPER HUNTER AMATEUR RACE CLUB ANNUAL MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MUSWELLBROOK, Thursday.

The annual meeting of the Upper Hunter Amateur Race Club was concluded to-day, and the whole function was an unqualified success. Only one accident occurred, in which Mr. W. E. White narrowly escaped serious injury by colliding with the clerk of the course while riding Prairie Flower in the Consolation Stakes. The horse and rider turned a complete sommersault, but fortunately both were little the worse for the misadventure. The attendance was large, representatives of Scone, Denman, Singleton, Maitland, and nearly every well-known station on the Upper Hunter being present. The Belltrees horses were again in evidence, and Rickshaw followed up the first day's success by carrying a thumping impost successfully in the Skellatar Handicap in a masterly manner. The following are the results:—

Muswellbrook Mile.—Mr. G. K. Clift's Chaucer, by Stockwell, 11st 4lb (Mr. R. Hill), 1; Dr. H. Scott's The Wasp, 1st (Mr. F. Haydon), 2; Messrs. H. E. A. and V. White's Harriet, 10st 7lb (V. White), 3. Other starters: Isis (Mr. J. De Mestre); Souvenir II. (Mr. E. Higgens); Crocus (Mr. Harold Cox). The Wasp, who was most fancied, was left at the post. Chaucer formed the pace all the way, and eventually beat The Wasp by half a length. Time, 1 minute 49½ seconds.

Flying Handicap, 7 furlongs.—Mr. J. H. Bettington's Stockwhip, by Stockwell, 9st 12lb (W. E. White), 1; Mr. S. Haydon's Harvest Home, 11st 8lb (Mr. F. Haydon), 2; Mr. S. Morton's Chryso-Keras, 11st 6lb (J. De Mestre), 3. Other starters: Bold Boy (H. H. Cox), Gadfly (Mr. V. White), Neptunius (Mr. A. Doyle), Doreen (Mr. Harold Cox). Stockwhip quickly established a 10 lengths lead, which he held until fairly in the straight, where Harvest Home and Chryso-Keras closed on him; but he came again, and won cleverly at the finish by two lengths, half a length between second and third. Time, 1 minute 33½ seconds.

Skellatar Handicap, 1¼ mile.—Messrs. H. E. A. and V. White's Rickshaw, by Lochiel, 12st 5lb (Mr. W. E. White), 1; Mr. A. B. Bettington's Argentum, 10st 6lb (Mr. De Mestre), 2; Mr. G. E. White's Gold Grip, 11st 6lb (Mr. R. Hill), 3. Other starters: The Wasp, 12st (Mr. F. Haydon); Furret Field, 10st (Mr. V. White). Argentum made most of the running to the bend, where Gold Grip and The Wasp closed on him, and the trio were fighting it out at the half distance, where Rickshaw came through with a rattle, and beat Argentum by half a length, with Gold Grip eight lengths off. Time, 1 minute 43½ seconds.

Consolation Stakes.—Mr. S. Morton's Isis, by Churchill, 10st 12lb (Mr. De Mestre), 1; Mr. Edward White's Crocus, 10st (Mr. H. H. Cox), 2; Mr. Edward White's Neptunius, 9st 11lb (F. Doyle), 3. Other starters: The Abbot, 10st; Prairie Flower, 9st 7lb. Prairie Flower lost a hundred yards at the start; but a great race between the other five ended in a win for Isis by a neck, with necks between the others.

Forced Handicap.—Messrs. H. E. A. and V. White's Harriet, by Corrawang, 10st 6lb (Mr. V. White), 1; Mr. S. Morton's Chryso-Keras, 10st 8lb (Mr. De Mestre), 2; Chryso-Keras lost 30 lengths at the start, but was only beaten by four lengths.

COURSING.

SYDNEY COURSING CLUB.

The opening meeting of the Sydney Coursing Club was continued yesterday in fine and bracing weather, and there was a good attendance, numbering over 700 people. The judging of Mr. J. O'Connell and the slipping of Mr. J. Trompp were again satisfactory.

Business commenced for the day in the running of the second ties of the Metropolitan Stakes, a departure being made from the order laid down in the card. Some good sport was anticipated, which was hardly fulfilled, from the slipping of Wragge and Baseke. Wragge led his companion by a length to the hare and turned. Baseke then got in, and worked the hare along the fence; but Wragge getting possession again drove the hare to the escapes, winning easily. For a time it seemed as if Lamplighter was going to be led to the hare by Charon; but the son of Lamberskat, who was working slovenly, shaped better as he came near the game and secured the first turn, pussy favouring him. In the exchanges Charon scored several times, and twice gave Lamplighter a go-by, but these brilliant dashes were not followed up by valuable work, and Lamplighter raised the flag. The course, however, was an unsatisfactory one from the standpoint of the followers of Lamplighter, and the opinion became general that this second-season dog, who promised so well last spring, was degenerating and had lost his accustomed dash and pace. Followers of the sport, however, who reasoned this way were very much astray, as in the final course with Wragge, Lamplighter did not give away a chance, and ran perhaps the best course we have yet seen him do. He showed the same fire and close work that marked his running last season. It would be difficult to find a dog who scores quicker when on his best behaviour than Lamplighter, but he seems to have a happy knack of measuring his opponent, for when the opposition is weak he takes matters easy, but when it is strong he wakes up to his work in a marvellous manner and acquits himself like a finished tradesman. This characteristic was peculiar to him last season when he was only a puppy, but it is more marked this year. Lamplighter, who comes from the Bathurst district, only made his public appearance towards the end of last season, and won the St. Leger at Rooty Hill and a valuable stake promoted there by the National Association to mark the close of the season. He has therefore won three good stakes in succession. So far he promises to be one of the best greyhounds we have seen. Wragge ran well but was outclassed.

Lord Tennyson, who won the Belmore Stakes, is a very fine and well grown puppy, possessed of any amount of pace. The second hare he ever saw was the one he chased in the final for this stake. Lord Tennyson led Cronje by fully 10 lengths, but after turning and following the hare for some distance he tripped, which allowed Cronje to get in and kill. The merit of the course was all in favour of Lord Tennyson.

In the Campsie Stake a close course was witnessed between the bitch puppies Grace Darling and Peppermint, but Grace Darling displayed the cleverest work.

For the purpose of filling up the day's sport three supplementary stakes were run. In the first of them (the Burwood Stakes) the final was between two brothers from the South Coast district in Bluch and Propeller. The latter had the misfortune to break away from his keeper and join in an extra course, entailing a fine of £1 on his owner; and this additional exercise must have told on him in the final. Magpie, another representative from the South Coast, and Busybody, divided in the Ashfield Stakes; and Blythesdale (a brother to Black Mist) easily disposed of Queen Spain, who is running better than last year. Subjoined are the details:—

Metropolitan Stakes.—First, a trophy and £18; second, £9; two dogs £3 5s each.

Second Ties.

Wragge beat Baseke.
Lamplighter beat Charon.

Final.

Mr. E. Lakeman's bd and w d Lamplighter, Lamberskat—Little Wonder, beat Mr. James Weir's r and w d Wragge, Lindsay Gordon—Queenie.

Belmore Stakes.—First, £4; second, £2.

Final.

Mr. R. H. Heppel's blk d Lord Tennyson, Tennyson—Novelette, beat Mr. G. Brewer's blk and w d Cronje, Kintore—The Nun.

Campsie Stakes.—First, £10; second, £4 10s.

Final.

Mr. William Smith's r and w b Grace Darling, Game Boy—Blue Bell, beat Mr. J. Rowan's r b Peppermint, Liquorice—Misty Morn.

Burwood Stakes.—First, £5; second, £2 10s.

Rowena beat Weaver.
Bluch beat Cassandra.
Miss Hazel beat Castida.
Propeller a bye.

First Ties.

Bluch beat Rowena.
Propeller beat Miss Hazel.

Final.

Messrs. Evans and Nicholls's Bluch, by Liquorice—Misty Morn, beat Mr. J. Rowan's Propeller, by Liquorice—Misty Morn.

Ashfield Stakes.—First, £5 15s; second, £2 10s.

Busybody a bye.
Blaze beat Moravian.
Magpie beat Harold.
Benella Nellie beat Marechal Niel.

First Ties.

Busybody beat Blaze.
Magpie beat Benalla Nellie.

Final.

Messrs. Evans and Nicholls's Magpie, by Happy Jack—Everlasting, divided with Mr. J. Reidy's Busybody, by Business—Miss Gertie.

Strathfield Stakes.—First, £5; second, £2 5s.

Boliver a bye.
Metalgia beat Venture.
Queen of Spain beat Black Prince.
Blythesdale a bye.

First Ties.

Metalgia beat Boliver.
Blythesdale beat Queen of Spain.

Final.

Mr. Briggs's Blythesdale, by Blytheswood—Winifry Morn, beat Messrs. Evans and Nicholls's Queen of Spain, by Marshall Ney—Beauty II.

During the luncheon on the grounds at Belmore yesterday opportunity was taken to drink success to the Sydney Coursing Club, and thank the Belmore syndicate and the officials and others for the support and assistance given. Mr. J. Maloney was in the chair.

Mr. Moyes (secretary), in the absence of Mr. Marshall, the president, said that the club was started with the object of providing coursing for the many people in the metropolis who had not the time or the money to spare that were required to attend the important fixtures at Rooty Hill. The club would not, however, have been able to hold their meetings but for the fact that the Belmore syndicate had provided them with the use of an admirable ground at a small cost. The club was only in its infancy, and could not stand a large financial strain. The syndicate had met them in every manner possible, and promised to make a number of further improvements in the way of a grandstand, rooms for ladies (for the attendance of the fair sex was going to be one of the features of their meetings), and offices for the officials and others. When all these and other improvements had been carried out there would not be a better plumpton in the colonies. It was intended to give valuable prizes and trophies so as to encourage the sport, and owners of dogs would not have to compete for their own sweep-takes only. He was pleased to say that everybody appeared only too happy to assist the club, which was fortunate in having so many well-wishers, and he was pleased to see so many members of the National Coursing Association present, especially such prominent officials as Messrs. Coombes and Weir.

Mr. R. Coombes (president of the National Coursing Association) said he was pleased, as were all the members of the association, to see a metropolitan club come into existence with such bright prospects. It would prove a valuable aid to the sport and of great assistance to the association in educating the people in coursing and causing it to become popular. The weather was rather warm yet for coursing, and it was too early in the season for owners and trainers to have their dogs ready, and that was the reason why so few nominations had been received for the stakes. As long as the sport was kept free from anything of a suspicious nature it would prosper, and he could say that the association intended to put down with an iron hand anything in the shape of dishonest sport. He could not but acknowledge the assistance which the Belmore syndicate had given to the young club.

Mr. J. Clarke (president of City Tattersall's Club) speaking on behalf of the syndicate, explained that the gentlemen who had put their money in the venture had the sport at heart, and were anxious to see it prosper. It was pleasing, therefore, to see that their efforts were fully appreciated. People only wanted to see the sport to take an interest in it. The club would therefore prove a great educational factor, and they would have to see that sport was properly carried out.

Mr. C. Sanger (secretary of the National Coursing Association) prophesied that the time would come when the Belmore ground would be not only the leading plumpton in New South Wales, but in Australia, and important intercolonial events would be decided upon it.

Mr. C. White (of Bathurst) said that as soon as the followers of coursing in the country districts became aware of the nature of the grounds and the way the sport was conducted they would be liberal supporters and large nominators.

POLO.

COOMA, Thursday.

Messrs. Bryce, Beard, J. A. Sellar, S. H. Harnett, and H. Ryrie left this afternoon for Queanbeyan, where they will play a polo match against Duntroon to-morrow.

GOLF.

On April 3 H. Vardon easily defeated Herbert Harriman, the champion, and F. Douglas, the ex-champion, of Atlantic City by 9 up and 8 to play over a full length 36-hole course. Vardon went round in 156, establishing a new record in the U.S.A. The best ball of his opponents took 167.

The amateur championship of Lincolnshire was won by Mr. A. E. Park, of the Lincoln Club, who did the two rounds in 167.

The Earl of Mar and Kellie, partnered with Andrew Kirkcaldy, met Lord Charles Montagu and A. H. Scott, of Elie, in a foursome on the St. Andrew's links. An interesting match was won by the former by 3 up and 1 to play. Scott later on defeated T. Hutchinson, a Lincoln professional, by 3 up and 2 to play. A. H. Scott is the brother of J. Scott, the professional to the Royal Sydney Golf Club.

LAWN TENNIS.

UNIVERSITY TOURNAMENT.

The following are the results of yesterday's play:—

Single Championship.

Sharp beat Pockley, 6-3, 6-0, 6-2.

Double Championship.

Gregson and Halcomb beat Cameron and Jones, 6-4, 6-3, 7-5.

Waddell and Pitt beat Pockley and Poidevin, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Single Handicap.

Bond beat Verge, 6-5, 6-5.
Tange beat Bond, 5-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Mixed Double Handicap.

Miss Amos and Hansard beat Miss Doust and Jones, 2-6, 6-4, 6-5.

Miss Amos and Hansard beat Miss Stephenson and Teece, 6-4, 6-3.

The following is the draw for to-day's play:—

Single Championship.—Challenge round, court 1, at 2.15 o'clock: Sharp (challenger) v. Poidevin (holder).

Double Championship. Final, court 2, at 2.15 o'clock: Waddell and Pitt v. Gregson and Halcomb.

Single Handicap.—Semi-final, court 3, at 11 o'clock: Pitt v. Sharp. Final, court 1, at 4 o'clock: Tange v. winner of Pitt v. Sharp.

Double Handicap.—Court 3, at 10 o'clock, Poidevin and Cameron v. Teece and Griffiths; at 12 o'clock, Stephen and D'Apice v. winners above. Court 4, at 10 o'clock, Pockley and Clarke v. Dight and Verge; at 12 o'clock, Gregson and Halcomb v. winners above. Semi-finals: Court 3, at 3 o'clock, Jordan and Hansard v. winners 12 o'clock match on court 4. Court 4, at 4 o'clock, Waddell and Pitt v. winners 12 o'clock match on court 3.

Mixed Doubles Handicap.—Court 4, at 11 o'clock, Miss Alexander and Pockley v. Miss Rutherford and Lethbridge. Semi-finals: Court 3, at 2 o'clock, Miss Greenham and Savage v. winners above match. Final: Court 3, at 4 o'clock, Miss Amos and Hansard v. winners 2 o'clock match.

Given fine weather the conclusion of the University tennis tournament promises to be exceedingly interesting, and should be productive of some fine play. The entries this year were practically a record. The committee rose to the occasion, and to-morrow should witness a most attractive display in the finals of the various events. The main contest of the day will undoubtedly be the match between Poidevin (the present holder) and Sharp to decide the single championship of the University Club. Both men are in first-class form, and the result is very open. The doubles' championship will probably fall to the present holders, Newman and Sharp, though the challengers may be expected to make a good fight for it. In addition to these the finals in the single and double handicaps, as well as the mixed doubles' handicap, may be expected to provide some close and interesting finishes. During the afternoon tea and cake will be provided, and, generally, arrangements have been made for a large attendance.

CLASS "A" INTER-CLUB MATCHES.

The committee appointed by the New South Wales Lawn Tennis Association to carry out the inter-club matches in class "A" has accepted entries from nine teams desiring to compete. The committee has agreed upon the various details in connection with the regulations, and the programme of matches for the season is now being compiled. The following are the names of the players who have been nominated to represent their respective clubs:—Glen Roona: H. Y. Braddon, P. B. Colquhoun, T. C. Irving, and A. Lee. Kirribilli: E. B. Dewhurst, S. D. Goddard, W. Moreon, and R. Swanson. Manly: A. Noble, L. Pitt, S. Ridge, and W. Walker. Strathfield: D. S. Edwards, F. Kelynack, N. Latreille, and G. Wright. Sydney No. 1: W. Blaxland, L. Gaden, H. Rice, and C. Reading. Sydney No. 2: H. S. Fox, A. Kelynack, C. L. Mackenzie, and G. Monahan. University No. 1: A. Curtis, E. L. Newman, L. O. S. Poidevin, E. O. Pockley. University No. 2: G. Clarke, Halcomb, A. Pitt, and G. W. Waddell. Wahgunyah: S. Doust, E. Ricks, S. Jones, and H. Wolstenholme.

THE KENNEL CLUB SHOW.

The entries for the Kennel Club show, to be held on May 30, 31, June 1, 2, are satisfactory, and no further entries will be taken after Saturday. The Governor has consented to officially open the show on Thursday afternoon, May 31. The classification is most liberal, and a large number of dogs have been entered for the different sections from other colonies. Mr. J. J. Ramsay, 58 Pitt-street, is the secretary.

CRICKET.

CENTRAL CUMBERLAND C.C.

The following are the averages of the team that won the B division of the second grade competition:—

BATTING.

	Ings.	N.O.	H.S.	Aggte.	Avge.
C. Simpson	8	1	129	338	48
J. Anthony	13	1	100*	543	45·3
W. Rowell	4	1	62	124	41·1
W. Langley	14	0	146	397	28·5
W. M. Kennedy	14	3	93	279	25·4
A. Anthony	14	3	54*	239	21·7
H. S. Hawkins	9	3	36	96	16
J. Robilliard	14	2	41	189	15·9
T. Clarke	12	2	74	118	11·8
J. Wilson	12	0	38	144	12
A. G. Sampson	5	0	24	35	7
J. G. Finlayson	6	3	8	21	7

*Not out.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs.	Avge.
W. M. Kennedy	231	28	76	613	8·5
A. Anthony	170	54	33	340	10·1
C. Simpson	70	11	20	202	10·2
W. Langley	31	1	5	97	19·2

Centuries.—C. Simpson (2), 111, 129; J. Anthony (1), 100; W. Langley (1), 146.

BALMAIN ELECTORATE CLUB.

The members of the Balmain Electorate C. C., with their friends, who comprised the party that visited the towns of Wollongong and Kiama at Eastertide, recently met for a social evening at Dick's Hotel, Balmain, when the opportunity was taken to present their manager (Mr. William Cornish), now an inspector of schools in the Department of Public Instruction, with an amber cigar holder and case and a pair of gold sleeve links, with his monogram thereon, as a mark of personal esteem and for his kindly interest in their behalf whilst on tour. The trip was voted as one of the best ever made by any party leaving Sydney. The reunion was organised by Alderman E. J. Bowen, and was in every way successful. A most convivial evening was spent, Messrs. T. and J. Stovey, J. Watson, A. Munro, James Gibb, James Coyle, R. Beavis, Monaghan, O'Keefe, Howitt, Nimmo, Bowen, and members of the Balmain Harmonic Club assisting. Mr. D. M'Clure was a host in himself. Messrs. H. Hall and S. Edwards were most efficient accompanists. The chair was filled by Mr. Arthur C. J. Wood, who, in making the presentations, remarked that the success of the trip was mainly due to the tact and discretion displayed by Mr. Cornish.

FOOTBALL.

NEWTOWN DISTRICT CLUB.

A public meeting in connection with the above club was held at the Victoria Hotel, Marrickville, on Wednesday evening. Alderman D. Cheshall presided, and there were also present Alderman Howarth, Messrs. W. and J. Burke, R. P. Browne, and a large number of local residents. The chairman in a lengthy address stated the objects of the meeting. Mr. George Hay moved,—"That this meeting of residents and footballers of the borough of Marrickville hereby pledges itself to support the Newtown District Football Club." This was seconded by Mr. E. J. Howe, supported by Mr. R. P. Browne, and carried unanimously. At the conclusion of the meeting a smoke concert was held. The following gentlemen kindly contributed items:—Messrs. Smyth, R. P. Browne, H. Crago, Watson, R. Hourigan, H. Westhoff, Linden, A. Warnham, S. Winstone, Walker, and C. Sparks. Mr. Pinstone ably assisted as accompanist. A successful meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

The Metropolitan Rugby Union has decided that all disqualifications shall be removed after June 19 next, and no applications be entertained for any further remission of sentence.

The district competition will start on May 19, and, as usual, the proceeds of the opening day will be handed over to the hospitals.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Thistle F. C. (B. A. rules) was held at the Bridge Hotel on Tuesday night. Messrs. G. C. Murdoch, Frederick Williams, Dr. P. J. Kelly, A. Davidson, Ted Mullett were elected vice-presidents. It was decided to enter the Third Junior Competition.

ATHLETICS.

OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE.

The thirty-seventh annual meeting between the Oxford and Cambridge Universities took place on March 30, and the result was a win for Oxford by six events to four. A few weeks prior to the meeting Cambridge seemed likely to secure the victory, but a series of mishaps upset all calculations. Amongst those unable to assist were G. G. Davison, second to Hollins in the quarter last year, and A. Hunter, winner of the mile. The brilliant performance of A. E. Bird, who was credited in the Cambridge University sports with 9 4-5 seconds for the hundred, had raised hopes of their being able to place this item to their credit, but he had the misfortune to sprain a muscle of a leg, and it was announced on the previous Thursday that he would not be able to compete. Nor was the run of misfortune yet ended, for H. A. Jones, on whom the Cantabs relied for the long jump, he having cleared 22ft. 5½in. in the C.U.A.C. sports and 23ft. 0½in. against the London Athletic Club, injured his heel, and though he took all his jumps, was only credited with 21ft. 2½in.—which placed him actually last of the four competitors. In the 100 yards A. M. Hollins and C. R. Thomas, of Oxford, ran a dead heat for first place, and strange to say the Cambridge men, P. M. Shanks and W. G. Paget-Tomlinson also tied for third place. The time was 10¼ seconds. The half-mile was won by H. E. Graham, Cambridge, in 1 minute 58 3-5 seconds, and throwing the hammer by J. D. Greenshields, of Oxford, with 116ft. 2in. G. W. F. Kelly, of Oxford, secured the long jump, clearing 21ft. 8in. The 120 yards hurdles fell to W. G. Paget-Tomlinson in 16 1-5 seconds. The runners were favoured by the wind. The mile was won by F. G. Cockshott, of Cambridge, in 4 minutes 28 3-5 seconds; and A. M. Hollins, of Oxford, carried off the quarter-mile in 50 3-5 seconds. E. E. B. May, of Oxford, put the weight 36ft. 8in., and won; and Workman, as was anticipated, easily won the three miles in 15 minutes 1 2-5 second.

ROWING.

Coraki Regatta Handicap for all-comers, to be rowed May 24 over a course of two miles straight away in best boats, has been declared as follows by Mr. J. Blackman:—Richard Tressider, 12st, scratch, allows H. Pearce, 11st 10lb, 4 seconds; J. Bishop, 13st, 13 seconds; C. Towns, 10st 8lb, 18 seconds; C. Messenger, jun., 10st 8lb, 18 seconds; A. Worboys, 12st, 18 seconds; Peter Kemp, 12st, 23 seconds; A. Bugden, 11st 7lb, 28 seconds; C. Books, 12st, 33 seconds. Tressider is rowing very well, and is a well-boated man. Pearce has been shaping well, and if up to Anniversary Regatta form will be hard to beat. Bishop is liberally treated, and it should be worth his while to get properly fit. Towns has less start than he has been given before, but he appears to be a coming man. Messenger is doing splendidly, and Worboys has 3 seconds more than when he met Tressider. It makes a great difference, too, because there will be so many men which the scratch man has to pass. Kemp is rowing as nicely as ever he did, but his 46 years of age entitle him to a liberal allowance of start, as he cannot pace it all the way. Bugden, if he uses a modern boat, must be a tough opponent for them all. He romped home with 40 seconds in 1898. Books was regarded as a probable champion a year ago, but he disappointed his coach, Peter Kemp, and has now a long start. Acceptances close the day before the race.

Stanbury was in town early in the week, and stated he would be prepared to row Tressider for a reasonable stake, provided his old supporters would assist him once more. It is understood Tressider would be willing to row for £200 a side on the Parramatta River.

SWIMMING.

The Redfern Swimming Club brought the season to a close on Monday evening by holding a smoke concert at the Norfolk Hotel, Cleveland-street. There were over a hundred present. Mr. J. Wileman, one of the vice-presidents, occupied the chair. The proceedings were enlivened by the singing of a number of popular songs. After refreshments had been served the chairman presented the various prizes (except the prize for the championship of the club and the ladies' bracelet, which will be given later on). The recipients were W. Reilly, L. Wright, A. G. Wileman, A. Matthews, W. Smart, E. Hopkins, C. M'Grath. Two ran a dead heat in the highest number of points for the season, A. G. Wileman and W. Reilly, and were awarded prizes. The hon. secretary (J. E. Bourke), Messrs. J. O. Hare (handicapper) and J. Mitchell were accorded a special vote of thanks.

As advertised, the Public schools intend bringing their season to a close on Saturday next at Hellings's Domain Baths, with a series of age championship events. Only boys who have won age championship events at the various district carnivals have been invited to swim. Besides the events above mentioned, the 100 and 220 yards all-schools championships will be contested. Baker (of Crown-street), Port (of Fort-street), and Boyd (of Petersham) should show out well in the all-schools.

LECTURE BY MISS MEARES.

At the Congregational school-hall, Point Piper-road, Woollahra, on Monday evening, Miss Meares, M.A., principal of Riviere College, delivered a lecture before a large audience, under the auspices of the local Young Men's Literary and Debating Society. The Rev. Dr. Fordyce (president) occupied the chair. Miss Meares took as the subject of her lecture "Oliver Wendell Holmes." During the course of her address she succeeded in entertaining the large audience with the principal traits in the life and doings of her subject. During the evening at intervals a number of selections from Holmes's poems were recited by pupils of Riviere College. At the close Miss Meares was accorded a hearty vote of thanks on the motion of Mr. G. Jackson, seconded by Mr. F. W. Landau, hon. secretary of the New South Wales Literary and Debating Societies' Union.

AN EVENING WITH AN ELECTRICIAN.

On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings the members of St. Stephen's Literary Association were entertained by Mr. George Penboss, electrician, at his rooms, Pitt-street. Mr. Penboss, together with his assistants and Mr. Gibb, optician, spared no trouble, and their exhibition and explanation of the uses of military telephones, telegraphic apparatus, burglar alarms, time registers, electric lighting material, and various little contrivances and mechanisms were entirely new and interesting to those present. In the optician's room Mr. Gibb explained the process of sight-testing, and delivered a lecturette on the construction of the human eye. Selections on the phonograph and grammaphone were given at intervals. At the conclusion on Wednesday evening the secretary of the association (Mr. M'Conaghy) mentioned that Mr. Penboss' offer had been entirely voluntary, and that, owing to lack of accommodation, the members were invited in sections, to give each one an opportunity of handling and properly understanding the uses of the various appliances. On the motion of Dr. Dixson (chairman of the association) a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Penboss and his assistants.

WOMANHOOD SUFFRAGE LEAGUE.

Under the auspices of the Womanhood Suffrage League Mrs. Martel delivered an interesting lecture on Wednesday night in the School of Arts, Pitt-street, on "Ruskin." Mr. M'Intyre, inspector of schools, presided, and despite the unpleasant weather there was a good attendance. Mrs. Martel treated her subject mainly from a woman's standpoint, and in this regard the lecture presented features of especial interest. Besides referring to the illustrious writer's life, his writings, knowledge of art, his inherent belief in the goodness of people, and his treatment of social problems, the lecturer dwelt on his special belief in women's powers and capabilities, closing her remarks with an eloquent peroration. The various speakers who followed, in thanking Mrs. Martel for her lecture, were unanimous in their compliments upon the way in which the subject had been treated and the diction in which it had been delivered.

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THE CITY COUNCIL.

MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

CONSIDERATION OF THE REORGANISATION SCHEME.

A further meeting of the general purposes committee of the City Council was held yesterday. Present—The Mayor (Sir Matthew Harris), Aldermen Landers, Dymock, Hughes, Jessep, M. Chapman, H. Chapman, Barlow, Booth, Dean, Watkins, Graham, Lees, and Norton.

Consideration of the scheme submitted by the town clerk for the reorganisation of the corporation service was resumed at clause E of the recommendations relating to the sanitary department. The recommendation ran as follows:—"The supervision of the street cleansing contract should also come under the sanitary department. I am still convinced that the 'dirtbox' nuisance can only be overcome by the council providing suitable metal vessels, two for each house, one to be emptied and scoured by steam while the other is in use. It would involve a capital outlay of £20,000, but this only means a yearly charge of £1000, and the advantages (practical and sentimental) would far outweigh it."

Alderman Hughes moved,—"That it be referred to the bylaws committee to draft bylaws providing for suitable dirtboxes for compulsory use by citizens and for bylaws providing penalties for exposure on the footpaths of boxes improperly covered during prohibited hours."

A long discussion ensued, but eventually Alderman Hughes's motion was carried, it being understood that a bylaw would at the same time be framed providing penalties for persons putting out the dirtboxes after the corporation collecting carts had passed. It was also suggested that men should be provided to go into the yards and remove the boxes, but it was pointed out that they already did this in places where there were back yards. In places where there was no back entrance, and all dirt, &c., had to be removed by way of the front door, the men could not enter the dwellings to remove the boxes.

Sub-clause F.—"In connection with the sanitary department, disinfecting and lethal chambers will have to be provided, probably also a laboratory, and an analyst appointed in charge; but these matters can best be dealt with by the medical officer to be appointed, and nothing is to be gained by my dealing with them herein."

It was agreed, on the motion of Alderman Jessep, that disinfecting and lethal chambers be provided, and that there be a laboratory, to be in charge of the medical officer of the council.

This concluded the consideration of the sanitary department recommendations, and the committee then passed on to discuss the general recommendations. The first three clauses—providing that all employees above the rank of labourer be divided into sections—special, professional, clerical, or general—each section to be graded in order of seniority, to be determined by emolument (where more than one received the same emolument by length of service); and for all employees on appointment to positions carrying £3 a week or over to become staff officers and be paid by salary instead of weekly wages—were agreed to without discussion.

Clause 4, "A minimum and maximum salary to be fixed for each position in the professional and clerical divisions, increment to be annual until maximum salary is attained, at rate of: For staff officers, £25 per annum; for wages men, 10s per week."

Alderman Dymock moved an amendment to the effect that increments of salary should be on the recommendation of the head of the department in which the particular officer was employed, and this was agreed to.

Clauses 5 and 6, referring to promotions and the insurance of their lives by officers, were passed after slight discussion, as was also clause 7, which referred to annual leave.

Clause 8, providing that when vacancies occur on the clerical staff applications be invited by public advertisement from youths of 17 to 18 years of age who have passed the University matriculation, senior or junior examination, or the examinations prescribed by the Public Service, the Institute of Bankers, or the Chamber of Commerce, was amended by striking out the reference to age as printed and making the minimum age for applicants 16 years, and the maximum age 21. A further recommendation in the same clause providing for inquiry being made into the antecedents of applicants was struck out, it being considered by the aldermen that the personal character of the applicant was a sufficient test.

Clause 9, providing for a medical examination being made of each employee, except labourers, was agreed to.

The committee then considered the recommendations referring to the city surveyor's department, and agreed to them with an addendum making it compulsory for draftsmen and articled pupils to qualify for and pass the examination prescribed for licensed surveyors. The recommendations respecting the city building surveyor's department, making it part of the city surveyor's department, were agreed to without alteration.

This concluded consideration of the recommendations, and Alderman Norton moved that they be submitted to the finance and public works committees, but this was lost on division, only Alderman Norton voting in its favour. An amendment submitting the report to the whole council was then agreed to on division, Alderman Norton being the only dissentient.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.

BAZAAR AND SALE OF WORK AT ANNANDALE.

A bazaar and sale of work in connection with the Annandale Primitive Methodist Church, under the management of a large committee of adherents of that denomination, of which Alderman Wells was chairman and Alderman Cromer (Newtown) secretary, was opened yesterday afternoon in the Annandale Council-chambers, Johnston-street, in the presence of a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen. The opening ceremony was performed by the Mayor of the borough (Alderman Allen Taylor), who was welcomed and thanked by the minister of the district (Rev. F. Beavley). The hall presented an animated scene. The stalls were tastefully decorated, and were laden with useful and ornamental articles. A series of competitions are being carried out in connection with the bazaar. Yesterday's results were as follows:—Best-dressed doll (judge Mrs. Barff): Miss Quiggan, 1. Best landscape oil painting (judge Miss Goodear): Miss Florrie Beeson. Cookery competitions (judge Mr. Ross)—Best plate of scones: Mr. G. F. Cromer. Plain cake: Miss Amy Field. Prior to the opening ceremony a short service was held under the direction of the chairman. The Rev. J. Penman read a short lesson, prayer was offered by the Rev. G. James, and the doxology was sung.

Addresses were delivered by the Rev. W. Atkinson (president of the Primitive Methodist Conference) and Alderman W. Wells. The Mayor declared the bazaar open, and in doing so wished it every success. The Mayoress was made the recipient of a handsome bouquet of flowers, the presentation being made by a little daughter of the secretary. On the motion of Mr. Beeston, seconded by Mr. A. Guthrey, a vote of thanks was carried to the Mayor and Mayoress, which was responded to by the former. Amongst those present were the Revs. W. Atkinson, J. Penman, G. James and Mrs. James, J. W. Holden and Mrs. Holden, J. W. Leadley, J. E. Metcalfe and Mrs. Metcalfe, Dr. H. Buxton-Ludlow, Alderman Ferris, Mrs. J. Green, and others.

The stalls and stallholders were as follows:—

Grocery and Produce Stall.—Messrs. Tennant and Finn.
Flower Stall. Messrs. Willis and Williams, assisted by a number of young ladies.
Book Stall.—Mr. J. Smith.
Builder's Stall. Mr. H. Beeson.
Refreshments Stall. Mesdames Woody, Cowing, Wells, and Miss M'Laughlan.
Daughters of the Empire Drapery Stall.—Mesdames Campbell, Ferris, Williams, Shaw, and Willmore.
Annandale Beehive Stall. Mrs. Neilson, and Misses Wilson, Puddicombe, Burns, Cantrill, and Ferris.
"Advance Australia" Fancy Stall.—Mesdames J. W. Smith, Simonds, Williams, and Puddicombe.
"Mother's Friend" Fancy Goods Stall.—Mesdames Vaughan, Allan, and Squires.
Post Office.—Messrs. F. J. Simons and N. Wilson.

THE UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN UNION.

ADDRESS BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY.

Last night at the University the Archbishop of Sydney (Dr. Saumarez Smith) delivered a lecture to the University Christian Union on the subject of "Sleep as applied to death in the Scriptures." There was a good attendance of members, Mr. E. N. Merrington, B.A., presiding.

The Primate prefaced his address by expressing the sympathy he felt for the union, which was capable of exercising much influence for good, and should be able to do much to counteract the legitimate reproach that the Universities stood aloof from religion. His subject had been suggested by an ingenious paper read at a clerical meeting in England some years ago, in which the author contended that the well-known words, "She is not dead, but sleepeth," could be taken literally. He recommended to his hearers the study of Scriptural passages on particular topics, such as the one he had chosen. Consideration was then given to the principal passages in the Bible where death was spoken of as sleep. In the Old Testament there were four distinct ideas concerning the symbol. Death was likened to sleep in several passages in the Psalms; in the second place it was likened to rest from the weariness and toil of human life; thirdly, death was likened to sleep, because it was a laying down of the body; and fourthly, there was the important extension of thought, the idea of awakening when the sleep was over. In the New Testament the term was raised to a higher and deeper meaning. The Archbishop quoted freely to show this, and concluded by stating that the inference was that for Christians the idea of death as sleep was not insert unconsciousness, but that the three characteristics of redeemed souls in the interval of death and the resurrection of the body were the complete cessation from toil and conflict, the tranquil communion with our Lord and Saviour, and the joyful expectation of the resurrection to come.

On the motion of the chairman, a vote of thanks was carried to the Archbishop by acclamation.

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Mr. H. Oxenham. A portrait in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.

DEATH OF CORPORAL HARKUS.

General regret was expressed in Parramatta on Thursday, when it became known that Corporal Harkus had succumbed to enteric fever at Bloemfontein. Corporal Harkus was a member of the Parramatta Half-squadron of Lancers, and was highly respected by his comrades. He was an expert swordsman, and held Empire prizes. His wife is at present staying in Nowra. Corporal Harkus was loth to go to South Africa and leave his wife and two little children. He was a member of Masonic Lodge Resurgo, and the brethren of that body, as soon as they heard of the sad event, set to work to try and raise a fund for the assistance of Mrs. Harkus and family.

THE PARRAMATTA DISTRICT HOSPITAL.

The committee of the above institution met on Wednesday evening, the Ven. Archdeacon Gunther presiding. It was reported that the ladies who had undertaken the house to house canvass in aid of the century fund had commenced their labours, and so far were meeting with gratifying success. The house committee reported that the matron had been granted a month's leave of absence, and that Nurse Godso would temporarily occupy the position. Messrs. P. Morgan, A. W. Green, F. Todhunter, and A. E. Marsden were elected the house committee for the ensuing quarter.

GRANVILLE COUNCIL.

The council met on Wednesday evening, the Mayor (Alderman J. Mahony) presiding. The council clerk reported that receipts for the month totalled £208 16s 13d. The inspector of nuisances reported that an officer under the Board of Health had visited the municipality, and with the exception of one instance, had expressed himself as satisfied with the sanitary arrangements. The inspector was authorised to take steps to compel the school authorities to have increased sanitary accommodation. The Board of Health wrote stating that complaints had been made in reference to the council's sanitary system. It was resolved to inform the Department that the council had now under consideration a better system. In reply to Alderman Windsor, the Mayor stated that it was not necessary for persons dedicating any road or portion of a road to the council to have the same properly formed and fit for traffic prior to such dedication. Later on Alderman Windsor moved that a return be prepared, and laid on the table, of all roads that have been dedicated to the council during the previous 10 years; and, further, of dates of dedication (if any) and of notification of same that appeared in the Government "Gazette." He contended that in the past roads had been taken over in a "willy-nilly" fashion, and it behoved the council to exercise more care in this direction. The resolution was carried.

Mr. Colebrooke, one of the inspectors under the Board of Health, is visiting Parramatta and inspecting the various premises. He has also visited the schools and public institutions, and in some instances has directed that better sanitary arrangements should be provided. Mr. Colebrooke has also visited the Granville municipality, and, in company with the local inspector, has carried out a strict inspection.

Mr. W. Swann, headmaster of the Parramatta North Superior Public School, who leaves for England shortly on a six months' trip, was on Wednesday afternoon presented by his staff of assistants with a handsome silver-mounted malacca walking-stick. The presentation was made by Mr. Kimber, the chief assistant, who spoke of the good feeling that had ever existed between Mr. Swann and his staff, and wished the headmaster a pleasant voyage and a safe return. Mr. Swann feelingly acknowledged the gift.

A very enjoyable smoke social was held in the Rosehill Bowling Clubrooms on Wednesday evening, when there was present a large number of the club members and their friends. A number of musical items and recitations were rendered by the members and several visitors, and an excellent orchestra, under the conductorship of Mr. J. Finlayson, contributed several selections.

A young man named Thomas Ryan was admitted into the Parramatta District Hospital on Wednesday afternoon suffering from internal injuries caused by being crushed between the wheel of a buggy and a stone wall against which the buggy had backed. Ryan, who resides in Harris-street, Ultimo, was driving for a commercial traveller, and was preparing to take the horse out of the trap at the time of the accident.

At the Parramatta Police Court on Wednesday morning, before Mr. T. E. MacNevin, P.M., Michael Ryan, a lad employed by John Mahony and Co., Granville, was charged with stealing the sum of £1 10s, the property of his employers. The evidence showed that accused had collected moneys from customers and never accounted for the same. In addition to the one sum of £1 10s, small sums, totalling about £3 or £4, were unaccounted for in the same way. Accused, who pleaded guilty and elected to be dealt with summarily, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment, to be accorded separate treatment. Joseph Aulzark was fined 10s and 4s 10d costs for using indecent language.

DEPUTATION.

GOODS ON FOOTPATHS.

The Mayor, Sir Matthew Harris, received a deputation yesterday, introduced by Alderman Lees, of shopkeepers against whom summonses had been issued charging them with placing goods on footpaths. Alderman Lees said that Alderman Barlow, who was unable to be present, had asked him to introduce the deputation, who were shopkeepers in Phillip and Macquarie Wards, and who had been served with summonses for exposing goods on the footpaths. Some years ago—he believed in 1895—a number of summonses were issued against many of the shopkeepers for putting out their goods, but an agreement was arrived at between the then Mayor and the shopkeepers that they should be allowed to place their goods on the paths, provided they did not project more than 9in. beyond the window space. The council also agreed to this, but now summonses had been issued against the shopkeepers, and the deputation wished that they be withdrawn, as they had not broken the compact agreed to. Several other members of the deputation addressed the Mayor, pointing out their grievance. Sir Matthew Harris, in reply, said the council was compelled to take action in the way it had because of the utterances of members of the magisterial Bench of the city. Some weeks ago also a clergyman said from the pulpit that if a summons were issued against a ratepayer it was only necessary for the persons summoned to interview an alderman to have the summonses withdrawn, therefore, he could not consent to have one of these summonses withdrawn. There would be an outcry of corruption at once. He recognised the hardship under which the deputation laboured, but was powerless to interfere. In reply, however, to suggestions, he said he would instruct the officers of the council not to press for penalties in the present cases, and would also ask for a postponement of the cases for a week.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

THE SECOND REGIMENT'S CAMP.

The 10 companies of the 2nd Infantry Regiment will hold a week's continuous training at the National Park, commencing on Saturday week, the 19th instant, and terminating on the 26th instant. There is every prospect of a large muster, and the arrangements for the camp are being rapidly completed. Eight companies will concentrate at the Prince Alfred Park on Saturday, the 19th, at 10.30 a.m., when they will proceed by train to their destination. The Goulburn men (G company) will leave Goulburn at 12.59 a.m. on the 19th, the Bowral detachment (H company) at 7.3 a.m. on the same day, and the Cooma (K) company at 5.30 p.m. on the 18th, so as to arrive in Sydney in time to fall in with the four headquarters companies (A, B, C, and D), the band, and the Ashfield (I) company. The Illawarra men proceed direct to Loftus Junction on the 19th, E company entraining at Kiama at 7.45 a.m., and F company leaving Milton by coach to catch the train at Bomaderry at 7 a.m. Major Mallarky is arranging for tentage, rations, stores, water supply, transport, &c., and assisting him are Captain Ramaciotti, Lieutenant E. H. Beardsmore (acting Adjutant) and Lieutenant Pearce (Quartermaster). Lieutenant-Colonel Waddell has decided that for purposes of instruction, when the regiment is not acting as a regiment, it shall be formed into two battalions, the headquarters and Ashfield companies forming the first or town battalion, and the five country companies the second or country battalion. The four senior officers commanding companies, viz., Majors Faulkner and Honey, and Captains Napier and Ramaciotti, will be mounted. The regiment will march into camp in "marching order," brown uniform with helmets and kit. While in camp the men will be kept fully occupied, reveille sounding at 6 a.m., early morning parade from 7 to 8 a.m., then forenoon parade at 9.45 a.m., and in the afternoon at 2 o'clock.

It is expected that either B or C battery of the Field Artillery with two guns will also go into camp with the 2nd Regiment.

A public meeting of residents of the Galston district was held on Monday to take steps to urge upon the authorities the desirability of forming a half squadron of Lancers. Mr. W. Bevan, Crown Prosecutor, occupied the chair. Messrs. J. Hunt, S. Coy, and M. Brown spoke on the subject, and it was resolved that a deputation should wait on the Colonel commanding the Lancer regiment.

At a meeting held at St. John's schoolroom, Balmain North, on Tuesday a branch of the Ambulance Association was formed and the following officers were elected:—President, Rev. W. A. Charlton; hon. secretaries, Miss Mona Martin and Mr. E. W. R. M'Millan; hon. treasurer, Mr. G. Field. It was resolved to hold a class at 8 p.m. every Wednesday in St. John's Hall.

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The Famine and Plague in India pictured in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this society was held on Wednesday evening at the Engineering School. A large number was present, including, besides members, visitors from the older Sydney societies. The president, Mr. Dare, M.E., was in the chair. The treasurer's and secretary's reports having been adopted, the office bearers for the ensuing year were elected:—President, Mr. W. M. Thompson, M.A., B.E.; vice-presidents, Acting Professor Barraclough, M.M.E., Messrs. J. J. C. Bradfield, M.E., N. J. C. MacTaggart, B.E., J. W. Roberts, B.E.; graduate members, Messrs. B. Wallach, B.E., B. Turner, A.E., S.M.; undergraduate members, Messrs. H. E. Whitfeld, B.A., L. Williams, B.A., R. T. Slee; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. S. Boyd; hon. secretary, Mr. J. P. V. Madsen, B.Sc. Mr. Dare delivered his address. After the meeting an informal conversazione was held in the Engineering School, when various tests were carried out.

MARRICKVILLE COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

A meeting of the ladies' auxiliary committee in connection with the Marrickville Cottage Hospital was held in the Town Hall on Monday afternoon. The Mayoress (Mrs. H. A. Langley) presided, and there was a large attendance of ladies. After the routine business had been disposed of, the Mayoress, on behalf of the subscribers, presented Miss Lawson, hon. secretary to the committee, with a handsome gold chain and pendant, suitably inscribed, in recognition of her indefatigable services to the committee and her devotion to the work of the hospital. Miss Lawson thanked the members for their kind gift. Subsequently the company partook of afternoon tea with the Mayoress.

MUNICIPAL COUNCILS.

ANNANDALE.

This council met on May 7. There were present Aldermen Taylor (Mayor), Curties, Hull, Cohen, Horton, Smith, New, Ridge, Broad, Woods, Wells, and Ferris. A communication was received from the Public Instruction Department stating that as there was only one Public school in the district the Minister did not think it advisable to appoint a separate School Board for the district. This school is under the Leichhardt Board, and as soon as a vacancy occurred on that board steps would be taken to have a resident of Annandale appointed. A letter was received from the secretary of the Annandale Ladies' Patriotic Fund Committee, thanking the council for the use of the Council-chambers for the ball in aid of the fund. The Inspector of Nuisances reported that there were 358 houses remaining to be connected with the sewerage. Of this number 21 could be connected, and a list of these had been made out and forwarded to the Water and Sewerage Board, asking that body to enforce the compulsory clauses of the Act. The council considered in committee a report by the Mayor on the finances.

CONCORD.

The council met on Tuesday, May 1. There were present:—The Mayor (Alderman Chapman), Aldermen Thompson, Baker, Zoeller, Correy, Gale, and the council clerk (Mr. J. H. Bolster). Alderman Thompson reported upon the conference of councils regarding the proposed Municipal Building Act. The matter had been referred to a committee to formulate a scheme. A letter from Mr. J. T. Walker announced that £50 had been paid to the council's credit in accordance with an agreement made on behalf of Miss Walker to contribute that sum. Alderman Thompson suggested the advisability of advocating a clause in the Municipalities Act to compel kerbing and guttering to be undertaken. It was decided to attend a conference re garbage destruction at Burwood. The council agreed to permission being given by the Burwood Cricket Club to the Burwood Lacrosse Club to play on St. Luke's Park. It was decided to take no action with regard to the proposal by the Annandale Council that the Government should be approached to construct garbage crematories in various suburbs at present. It was agreed that ratepayers should be notified that rat poison would be distributed, and in the event of dead rats being reported under house floors, that a man should be engaged to remove them. Co-operation with the North Homebush Progress Association was agreed upon with regard to the sanitation of Powell's Creek. Accounts amounting to £182 5s 9d were passed. The inspector reported having carried out further house-to-house inspections. A little laxity was shown by some residents in the matter of the disposal of rubbish, fowl, &c., and improvement had been ordered. The general health of the borough was good. The inspection embraced 480 houses, occupied by 2570 persons. The valuer's report upon the result of appeals against assessments showed that a reduction of £5 3s 5d had been made by the appeal court.

HURSTVILLE.

This council met on May 3. There were present Aldermen F. G. Thompson (Mayor), Patrick, Corbett, Larbalestier, Sproule, Richards, Clough, Griffin, and Holderness. The finance committee met and passed accounts amounting to £79 5s 9d. The Principal Under Secretary wrote in reference to a petition from a number of ratepayers praying that Bexley Ward be separated from the municipal district of Hurstville and be constituted a separate municipality, to be styled "The Borough of Bexley." The letter stated that his Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, had been pleased to approve of the division of the Hurstville Municipality in accordance with the terms of the petition, provided that the debts and other liabilities attaching to the entire municipality were to the Minister's satisfaction proportionately adjusted as between the proposed divisions, in accordance with the requirements of sec. 25 of the Municipalities Act of 1897. The petitioners had also been asked to confer with the council in order that the required adjustment might be made as soon as possible. The Mayor, with Aldermen Sproule and Holderness, was appointed to confer with the petitioners. Alderman Griffin, in responding to the Mayor's congratulations on his election to the Water and Sewerage Board, said he was at their command, and would do all he could to further their interests. Alderman Patrick moved,—"That, considering the state of the council's finances and the necessity for having the bank overdraft reduced, the following men only be employed in the different wards:—Bexley ward: Four men, with a horse and cart. Hurstville Ward: Three men, with a horse and cart. Peakhurst Ward: One man, with a horse and cart. And that no other men be employed by the Mayor without the sanction of the council." The Mayor moved an amendment,—"That Bexley Ward have two men, Hurstville Ward one man, and Peakhurst Ward one man each with a horse and cart." The amendment was carried.

MANLY.

This council met on May 8. Present: The Mayor (Alderman W. H. Fletcher) in the chair, Aldermen F. C. Passau, Owen Carroll, J.P., Walker, A. Russell, J. J. Dargan, J. R. Meyer, E. W. Quirk, and H. E. Stevenson. The Mayor reported that he had protested against any additions being made to the Quarantine Station, and that Mr. Dugald Thomson, M.L.A., had interviewed Dr. Ashburton Thompson, with the result that the Government stated that it was not proposed to do more than provide the accommodation required for contacts and renovate the existing buildings. The Department of Lands wrote that the matter of increased subsidy for the Manly parks would be considered when the vote should be apportioned. The Port Jackson Co-operative Steamship Company wrote that the Department of Navigation considered the ventilation of its fleet more than sufficient; that chloride of lime and other disinfectants were used on the boats daily and rough on rats nightly. The Mosman Council wrote proffering support in any action Manly took regarding quarantine. The Annandale Council reported a resolution respecting the erection of garbage destructors in central positions, in which Manly acquiesced. On the motion of Alderman Passau, seconded by Alderman Stevenson, a vote of thanks was carried to Alderman Quirk for his energetic action in respect to cleaning operations necessitated by the late outbreak of plague.

PADDINGTON.

An adjourned meeting of this council was held on May 7, and there were present Aldermen A. Pointing (Mayor), West, A. Walker, G. Walker, George, White, Oakes, D. Brown, Dillon, W. Brown, Howard, Usher. Mr. Neild, M.L.A., wrote saying he had been informed by the Postal Department that an additional postman would be provided for the borough. Received. The Mayor submitted a minute concerning the sanitary condition of the borough, which was received and adopted. The inspector of Nuisances reported concerning the steps that were being used to prevent the spread of the plague. It was decided that the Works Committee report upon the necessity of forming and ballasting Buxford-lane, on the Broughton Estate; fencing the tip on Hampden Park, and of extending the same considerably beyond present limits. It was agreed that the Government be asked to vest in the council that portion of land opposite Hampden Park gates, at the corner of Hampden and Cascade streets, as a site for a pavilion; that such request be made by deputation; and that the other councils interested, viz., Randwick, Waverley, Woollahra, and Vaucluse, together with their Parliamentary representatives, be invited to co-operate.

RANDWICK.

The last fortnightly meeting of this council was held on May 9. The Mayor (Alderman T. Powell) presided, and the following were also present:—Aldermen G. Gale, H. Willis, S. R. Kennedy, J. G. Carter, J. Hincks, T. Flood, J. Buddicik, F. Hannan, and W. Hayward. The financial position disclosed the fact that the debit balance on the borough account at the bank was £1117, the Randwick-road account showed a debit balance of £236, the military road account a debit of £97, and the cemetery account a credit balance of £11 15s 3d. The total rates collected during the past fortnight amounted to £356, making, since the commencement of February, a total of £702 received. The expenditure on roads and works for the fortnight was £15, and to date from February 1 £229. The overseer drew attention to the fact that the Bunnerong-road was still blocked (owing to the Kensington tramline being laid), and that the whole of the heavy traffic was going over Doncaster avenue, which was being torn to pieces, and a large portion of it required re-making. At the previous meeting the council decided to wait on the Minister for Works in the matter, but a letter was read stating that Mr. O'Sullivan declined to see the deputation, as his department considered that the damage done was too trivial. The aldermen agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the Mayor. Mr John Dine, the contractor for kerbing and guttering, asked to be relieved of his contract, and recommended that it be transferred to Mr. William Dwight. The Mayor was instructed to see that the council was protected. Mr. J. L. Smith wrote suggesting that a thoroughfare be established via a lane in Avoca-street near the Town Hall to Wood-street, and asked that Wood-street be put in repair. Received.

WAVERLEY.

This council met on Tuesday, May 1, the Mayor (Alderman H. C. Evans, J.P.) in the chair. There were also present Aldermen Watkin Wynne, G. J. Waterhouse, E. Power, E. Keys, W. Carter, J. Terry, R. G. Watkins, A. C. Hewlett, W. Marlord, W. H. Simpson, T. Cummins, and the clerk (Mr. J. Clubb). Mr. D. R. Penfold presented several petitions, numerously signed, praying the council to reconsider their intention of imposing a special rate of 3d in the £ for the purpose of street-watering. After discussion it was decided to make the subject an order of the day for the next council meeting. Alderman G. H. Sparkes wrote thanking the council for the support given him at the recent election of a transit commissioner. Mr. E. Fosbery (Inspector-General of Police) wrote informing the council that owing to the plague epidemic the police were drawn upon from all stations, which fact he trusted would only be temporarily. Alderman G. J. Waterhouse resigned as a member of the baths and parks committee, also as one of the council's representatives to the conference re proposed Building Act. The resignation was accepted, and Alderman W. Carter was appointed to the vacant seat on the baths and parks committee, and Alderman T. Cummins to represent the council on the Building Act conference. The inspector of nuisances reported that he had visited a large number of premises, and that upon three occasions he was accompanied by an officer from the Public Health Department. In many places there were only slight faults with drainage fitments. These had since been reported to the inspector of the Water and Sewerage Board.

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St. Helena—Cronje's Prison. Illustrated in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Thursday Evening.

A steady business was done in the Stock and Share market to-day, what little movement was apparent being upward. For Treasury bills 100¼ was offered—an advance of ¼. Commercial Bank of Sydney were sold up to 26½—a rise of ¼. Bank deposits remained as quoted yesterday. Newcastle Steam advanced 3d, and Illawarra Steam improved a trifle. Insurance and Gaslight were unaltered. Castlemaine and Wood Brothers' Brewery again brought 12s 3d, Silverton Tram recovered 6d; Aarons' Exchange Hotel rose 3d, selling at 1s, and Colonial Sugar were quitted at the previous price, other changes in the list being unimportant.

The following sales were reported on the Sydney Stock Exchange to-day:—Forenoon: Colonial Sugar, 36½; Silverton Tramway, 94s 6d. Noon: Nil. Later: Commercial Bank of Sydney, 26½; Castlemaine and Wood Brothers' Brewery, 12s 3d. Afternoon: Commercial Bank of Sydney, 26½, Castlemaine and Wood Brothers' Brewery, 12s 3d; Aarons' Exchange Hotel, 1s. The closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	*Yield to Investors.
F. STOCK, &c.	£	£	£	p.c.				p.c.
N.S.W. F. S., 1892	2,549,350	...	...	4	108½	...	109	3⅝
Do. Act, 1873	530,189	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
Do., 3 p.c.	...	...	...	3	99	98½	99½	3
Ditto, 1924-25	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
Ditto T. Bills, 1905	500,000	...	...	3½	...	100½	101	3½
Do. Deb. 1902	399,300	...	...	5	104	...	...	...
Qland D., 1913	...	...	...	4	107	105	...	...
N.Z. D., 1918	303,300	...	...	4	107½	105	...	...
Colonial Sugar —D., 1914—	...	...	...	5	113	112	115	5¼
BANKS.								
Aust. J.S.	1,167,207	10	7½	...	1/3	...	...	...
Australasia	1,600,000	40	40	8	...	70	...	4½
Royal of Q.	288,650	9	5½	2½	50/	...	...	4½
City	240,000	10	8	4	92/	81/	84/	3¾
New Issue	160,000	10	8	4	78/	78/6	79/3	8
Com. of A, f.p.	1,009,527	6	3½	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto, pref	2,117,070	10	10	3	6/11/6	6½	...	4½
Com. of Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	9	26½	26¼	26½	4¼
N. of Aus, ord.	1,671,396	10	7	...	80/	75/	...	...
Ditto, pref.	303,780	10	10	5	11¼	11¼	...	4½
N.S. Wales	1,950,000	20	20	9	42¾	42¼	42½	4¼
North Queensland	100,000	7	2	...	11/	13/	...	...
Union	1,500,000	75	25	6	...	37	37¾	4
DEPOSITS.								
A.J.S. Bank Class A	...	...	...	3	14/3	14/	14/6	4½
Class B	...	...	...	3	12/10½	12/9	13/	4½
Ditto Inac.	787,683	...	...	3½	10/3	10/	10/9	7
Com. of Aus A ser., 1898	201,169	...	...	3	19/2	19/3	...	3½
Ditto assets	...	...	...	3	16/9	17/3	...	3½
E.S.A. series	...	...	...	...	14/9	15/	...	...
Inac. pref	889,793	...	...	3	11/10½	12/4½	13/3	4½
Ditto def.	878,616	...	...	3	14/3	14/6	...	4½
Ditto Deb.	983,547	...	...	4	18/6	18/6	...	4½
Ditto Ter.	469,474	...	...	4	19/11	19/9	...	4½
Q. Nat.	...	...	...	3½	15/	14/9	15/2	4½
STEAM.								
Bal. N. Ferry	16,420	1	1	10	...	35/	...	...
Illawarra	58,000	5	3½	8½	6	6	...	5
Newcastle	100,000	1	1	6	19/	19/3	20/	6¼
Nth. Coast	121,743	1	17/6	8	21/9	22/6	...	6½
Syd. Ferries	120,000	1	1	...	36/6	36/	38/	...
Port Jackson	25,000	50	25/	10	31/	30/6	...	8
Ditto Co-op. Deb. Shs.	9,368	...	1	5	16/6	16/	...	6
INSURANCE.								
A. M. Fire	37,500	1	7/6	18¾	25/3	27	...	5½
Mer. M'tual	24,950	1	3/6	16½	10/9	10/7½	11/3	5½
New Zealand	200,000	10	2	10	...	...	...	...
United	62,500	10	2½	10	64/	71/	77/	3½
Ditto, New	5,725	10	12/6	10	16/	14/6	15/6	...
GAS.								
Albury	7,500	1	12/6	10	18/	17/	...	...
Australian	681,798	6	6	9	17/11	17¼	17½	5½
C. Towers	20,000	10	10/	10	14/3	...	12/9	...
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	44/	43/6	44/9	6¾
Grafton	8,000	1	1	8	24/	23/6	...	...
Manly	10,000	1	1	7	24/	21/6	...	...
Ditto, New	5,000	1	10/	7	13/	...	14/	...
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	6	15/10	15/	16/6	7½
Newcastle	25,128	2	2	15	6¼	6¼	...	...
Ditto, 5/ paid	...	...	...	...	...	12/6	...	...
North Shore	100,000	1	1	6	*20/	...	...	...
BREW'RIES.								
Albury	10,500	1	10	5	1/9	6/6	7/3	7½
Ditto	4,000	1	1	5	...	...	...	...
Australian	96,000	1	1	...	5/	...	5/	...
C'tlm. & Wood Bros.	250,000	1	1	4	12/3	12/	12/6	6¾
Marshall's	29,701	10	5	6	3/6	3/3	3/9	9
Perkins	58,333	15	15	1½	35/	34	...	6½
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	7	26/6	26/9	27/	5¼
MISCEL'N'S.								
Aarons'	17,500	15/	10/	...	1/	9d	1/3	...
Aus. News	40,000	1	1	5	20/	19/	20/	4¾
B.H. W. Sup.	186,500	1	1	13¾	25/	26/6	28	10¼
Burns, Philp	275,000	1	1	8	34/	35/	...	4¾
New Issue	...	1	5	8	8/6	8	9	4¾
Col. Sugar	1,709,000	20	20	10	36½	36¼	36¾	5¾
New Issue	84,800	20	10	10	25½	25¼	...	...
Dalgety Co.	1,000,000	10	5	8	5¼	5¼	6	7¼
Emu B. Rail.	100,000	1	1	...	9/	7/9	8/9	...
Emu Gravel.	34,000	1	1	5	8/6	6/	...	...
Malt Co., con.	...	...	18	...	...	...	13/	...
Melb. Trams	480,000	1	10/	6	14/1½	14/6	...	4¼
Mont de Piete	79,863	1	1	7½	24/6	24/6	25/6	6¼
Ditto New	1,508	1	10	7½	2/	...	...	...
Mort's Dock	150,000	1	1	6	17/	17/3	...	6¾
Ditto Pref.	45,301	1	1	6	22/8	22/3	...	5¼
F. Food Ice	158,980	1	18/	8	17/10½	17/7½	17/10½	8
Shale and Oil	75,000	1	15/		4/4½	3/9	4/6	...
New York and B. Tob.	15,000	1	1	10	19/	19	21/	10¼
Perm. Trustee	25,000	5	2/6	5	2/1	2/1	2/2	6
Perpet. Trust.	25,000	10	5/	7	8/3	7/9	...	4¾
Richardson & Wrench	60,000	1	1	5	10/6	10/3	...	9¼
Sil. Trams	197,946	1	1	40	94/6	94	95/	8¼
Syd. Exchange	20,000	10	10	7	14½	14¼	...	4¾
Syd. Hydr.	75,000	1	1	10	43/	42/	45/	4¾
Do. 10s pd.	37,500	1	10	...	22/6	22/	22/6	4½
Volunteer L. Orders	...	...	...	...	...	165	195	...
LAND & BD.								
Aus. Mut. Dep.	...	...	...	...	7d	...	10d	...
Excelsior Dep.	...	...	...	...	7/6	7/5	...	...
Fed. B. Dep.	...	...	...	...	14/	15/	...	...
Haymark't D.	...	...	17/	3	12/8	13/	...	...
Indust. Prov.	63,825	20	20	6	20	20	...	6
Inter. B. Dep.	33,304	1	15	7	13/	12/6	...	8
Newc'le B. & I.	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	...
Sy. Fre. Land	...	...	...	...	6/10	6/	7/6	...
Syd. & S. Dep.	...	...	...	...	10/	4/3	...	...

* Where dividends are interim the yield is based on year's distribution; otherwise on the last half-yearly one.
† Cum rights.

Complaints are current of the inconvenience arising from the distribution of too many of the late issue of Treasury Bills in larger denominations than are required. It is true the Treasurer did not guarantee the division of values to tenderers, and therefore subscribers have no redress. But it is obvious that it will in future be to the interest of the Government to make all such issues in accordance with the requirements of tenderers, otherwise the value of the bills will be lessened. The work is done at the Government Printing Office, except the signatures, and the arrangements might very well be made for the distribution of the bills in the exact terms of the tenders. Even if a little extra work were done to meet the wishes of subscribers to the first issue, it will represent labour and time well spent towards securing popularity for later issues of bills.

The report of the Australian Mutual Provident Society for the year 1899, to be presented at the annual meeting on May 18, is a very satisfactory one. The total new business for the year comprised 15,238 policies for £3,955,685, of which 299 were non-participating policies assuring £45,893. The main features of the balance-sheet compare with those of that for 1898 as follows:—

Income.	1898.	1899.
New business policies, No.	14,904	15,238
Amount	£3,787,083	£3,955,685
Renewal premiums	1,290,091	1,324,249
New premiums	127,332	137,341
Consideration for annuities	44,706	49,097
Interest	716,473	729,846
Rate of return on funds investments	£4 14 10	£4 11 2
Outgo.		
Claims under policies	£436,970	£381,210
Bonuses	161,573	147,929
Endowments and endowment assurances matured	148,564	157,010
Bonuses on same	65,909	70,527
Surrenders	325,946	260,313
Annuities	27,605	30,049
Bonuses paid in cash	55,373	54,050
Commission	49,915	53,532
Management	129,544	138,514
Taxes	11,440	18,112
Rates of expenses to premium income	13·99	13·32
Increase of funds	£699,471	£895,091
Total funds	15,179,049	16,074,740

The comparison is a favourable one in respect of the addition of new business, which shows an increase, and in the smaller amount of surrenders, which makes the net premium income £74,127 more than in the previous year, representing a growth of over 5 per cent. The income also shows a larger amount received for interest, but the downward tendency of money appears by a further reduction in the rate from £4 14s 10d per cent. to £4 11s 2d per cent. We are not told, as we generally were in early reports, and as English societies often tell their members, how the mortality rate compares with that on which the tables are based, but we may assume that last year's experience was very favourable. At any rate the death claims are £55,000 less than last year. The endowment and endowment assurance claims, however, are steadily increasing as the result of the growth of this class of business. A satisfactory feature of the report is a reduction of no less than £65,000 in the amount of the surrenders, while a smaller amount of bonuses paid in cash also shows that the strain upon the insurance provision has weakened. The expenses, however, are heavier, attributable in part to a special jubilee bonus paid to officers and agents, a proportionate increase in new business tending in the same direction. As the general result, however, there was a larger increase of funds. A cash surplus of funds over liabilities, aggregating £566,182, is shown. Of this, Mr. Teece, the actuary, takes £48,813 towards strengthening the reserves for the policy liabilities by the adoption of a more stringent policy valuation; sets aside £6186 as balance of non-participating fund; and £5000 to provide interim bonuses on policies becoming claims during 1900 is allotted. The balance of £506,182, providing reversionary bonuses of £942,500 among the members, comparing with £479,742 in the previous year. With the unanimous approval of the local boards the members are to be asked, at a special meeting, to give their sanction to a bylaw authorising the society to open branches in any portion of the British dominions.

The method of raising loans has been very much simplified within the last one hundred years. When the British Government floated a loan of £17,000,000 in April, 1798, according to the "Bankers' Magazine," each subscriber of £100 received the following securities:—£150 three per cent. Consols, £50 three per cent. reduced annuities, and a long annuity of 4s 11d per annum. At the price of the day the £150 of 3 per cents. was considered to be worth £72 15s, the £50 of reduced annuities £23 15s, and the long annuity, which was taken at 13 years' purchase, £3 3s 11d. In all this amounted to £99 13s 11d, and the difference was made up by bonus on discount for prompt payment. Representing over 6 per cent. without regard to redemption, these would be regarded as furnishing a very good return in our day. But then the annual interest on £100 lent in those days, high though it was, would not purchase as much as 3 per cent. in these days. Though it is not necessary at present to humour the money market as it was 100 years ago, there was one feature adopted then, as now, in London which might be introduced in the negotiation of loans in New South Wales. An old writer thus disclosed the manner in which the securities were issued: "The principal bankers and merchants who propose to offer, having previously made up lists of persons willing to be sharers in their contract, attend at the time appointed, and deliver in their terms, which are opened by the Chancellor, and the loan is assigned to those who have made the most favourable tender."

The London wool news of the second day's business is somewhat more satisfactory than that of the first day of the series. Prices are said to be firm, of course at the decline, with better all round competition. That home operators are the chief buyers, and that the Continent is quiet, are facts that might have been anticipated from the reports from the two centres. Commercial affairs are very brisk in England. On the Continent the monetary strain is so threatening that it can well be understood to prejudicially affect the demand for wool. Of course Continental buyers early in the season bought heavily in our markets. They suddenly ceased their operations, having, it was said, reached the limit; all the quicker of course because of the great advance in prices. The purchasing power of the Continent must be thus affected, and cannot be fully restored under the monetary conditions since accentuated. We may reasonably hope that the United States at no distant date will be a more eager buyer, and compensate to some extent for Continental quietude.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat remained quiet at 2s 8d for prime, with but little business doing. The slight easing now evident in the freight market should prove to be in producers favour. Tonnage is, however, by no means plentiful. The fact must not be lost sight of, too, that a general reduction in freights would apply to the United States and Argentine as well as to Australia, so that those countries would be in a position to offer more freely. Flour sold steadily at £6 5s to £6 10s, according to quantity and brand.

From the Queensland Registrar-General we have received a report on the wheat returns of the Northern colony for 1899. It shows that the total area sown under wheat in 1899 was 94,017 acres against 74,243 acres in 1898. Despite this increase in the area, however, there was very little more grain produced than in the earlier year, the actual figures for the two periods being 614,414 bushels in 1899, against 597,012 bushels in 1898. The sharp frosts experienced on the Darling Downs were responsible for this, there being an increase in the return of hay of 31,467 tons. Grain shippers will be interested in the following table:—

	Imported, (net) Bushels.	Grown in Q'land, Bushels.	Total, Bushels.
1896	2,312,139	601,254	2,913,393
1897	1,743,390	1,009,293	2,752,683
1898	1,731,911	607,012	2,338,923
1899	2,125,562	614,414	2,739,976

It will thus be seen that the production of wheat in Queensland equalled 22·4 per cent. of the consumption last year, against 25·9 per cent. in 1898. It must be remembered, however, that the crop of 1899 really consists of the wheat consumed in 1900. This important fact is not disclosed in the Registrar-General's returns. During 1899 Queensland millers gristed 1,032,563 bushels of wheat, and produced 21,391 tons of flour and 994,038 bushels of bran and pollard.

New Caledonia is a not unimportant customer for New South Wales wheat. Up to date this year 16,867 bags have been shipped to Messrs. Morgan and Dezarnauld's mill at Noumea. This is equivalent to 71,500 bushels, having been shipped as follows:—January, 5031 bags; February, 2297 bags; March, 5453 bags; April, 3086 bags; and May to date, 1000 bags either shipped or awaiting shipment.

Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited, in their weekly grain report, state:—"We have had a few inquiries for prime wheat for export, apart from which the market is without feature. The millers, being well supplied for the present, are simply sitting back awaiting developments. Taking the present values ruling at the world's great centre and in the other colonies, there is very little indication of any change taking place, nor any visible prospects that would induce speculation for some considerable time."

To-night's cable news gives the American visible supply of wheat as 67,268,000 bushels, or 21,624,000 bushels in excess of the supply at this date last year. This is largely responsible for the irresponsive state of the London wheat market.

The exports of wheat from the port of Sydney during the week ended May 5 were as follows:—

	Wheat. Bags.
To Queensland	3,073
To London	5,395
To Thursday Island	10
To Noumea	3,880
To Japan	2,546
Total	14,904

The shipments of flour during the same period were:—

	Bags.	½-Bags.	¼-Bags.
To Queensland	2,462	770	1,011
To Noumea	2,509	—	—
To Manila	150	—	—
To Hongkong	115	—	—
To Japan	1,442	—	—
To London	2,500	—	—
To New Guinea	—	65	—
Totals	8,738	835	1,011

Up to date shipments have been:—

	Wheat. Bags.	Flour. Bags.
Previously in 1900	126,810	72,276
Week ended May 5	14,904	9,407
To date 1900	141,714	88,683
To date 1899	23,450	50,267

IMPORT MARKET.

Wholesale business to-day was almost entirely featureless. What few sales took place were at rates practically corresponding with the prices ruling earlier in the week. Nor were cables received of any marked changes in markets on the other hemisphere. Ceylon teas sold freely at auction, and the Indians were also eventually cleared at about late market rates, but the Chinas had to be withdrawn. Metals, jute goods, oils, and chemicals were all dull of sale.

That the colony's re-export trade has suffered very materially since the outbreak of the plague is evident from the Custom-house returns just furnished. From them the following items have been picked out, consisting of purely re-export goods as distinguished from domestic produce, the trade in which is so affected by other conditions as to be almost valueless for a comparison of this character. From the table which is subjoined it will be seen that nearly every item shows a shrinkage, hardware, machinery, and drugs and chemicals being alone excepted:—

	January 1 to May 5. 1899.	1900.
Jute goods	£34,407	£21,889
Oilmen's stores	69,444	46,250
Paints and oils	108,414	64,055
Stationery and books	50,732	37,497
Tea	42,365	13,731
Tobacco and cigars	25,702	22,747
Apparel and drapery	134,769	120,143
Copra	34,031	30,760
Drugs and chemicals	42,745	46,226
Hardware	119,869	134,719
Machinery	64,685	66,496
	£727,625	£626,413

So on these lines alone there has been a falling-off in the value of the re-exports of no less than £100,000, or about one seventh.

Tea.—Privately not much business was done. Seventy chests of Ceylons moved off at 7½d to 8½d. The export trade was reported as very quiet, that with New Zealand being almost at a standstill. According to Customs returns, only £1710 worth of tea were shipped away during the week ended May 5, bringing the total up to date this year to £33,731, against £42,365 worth during the corresponding period of last year. Seeing that prices are higher now than they were last year, the proportional shrinkage quantitatively must be even greater.

Messrs. Fraser, Uther, and Co. offered to-day, at the City Mart, 493 packages of Ceylon, 157 Indian, and 359 China teas, under instructions from Messrs. Fraser, Ramsay, and Co. and Cowlishaw Brothers, to close accounts. The Ceylons sold briskly, a complete clearance being effected at from 6d for pekoe souchongs up to 8½d for broken orange pekoes. The whole of the Ceylons also changed hands at 6½d to 8½d. Chinas, however, met with but a slack demand, biddings being below vendor's ideas of value, the result being that they were withdrawn.

How steadily the output of Indian tea has recently increased may be gathered from the report of Messrs. Gow, Wilson, and Stanton, giving the returns for the six years from 1894. In that year the outturn reached a total of 127,000,000lb., which in 1899 had increased to 174,856,000lb., being an advance of 22,806,000lb. over 1898. Whether the current year will show a similar rate of progress it is, of course, impossible to forecast, but it may be that the recent tax in the United Kingdom will have the effect of driving the poorer consumer to the cheaper class of China tea, which had been virtually superseded by the Indian leaf.

Sugar.—Trade lots moved off at late market rates.

Groceries.—Sales covering 380 cases of sheeps' tongues were advised on private terms. Five tons of Rangoon rice went at £9 10s, and 10 cases of two-dozen red herrings at market rates.

Liquors.—The demand was steady without change in prices. Hennessy's brandy sold at 34s to 34s 3d for one-star, and 45s to 45s 3d for three-star. Key gin sold at 10s 9d and 11s 6d for 15 and 16 bottle respectively. Lowndes's rum was firm at 3s 9d to 3s 10d.

Metals.—Business in this department was quiet indeed, prices being nominally without change throughout. Five tons of whiting sold at 55s delivered.

Jute Goods.—There was no movement to-day, the market being quiet and prices unaltered.

Oils.—The basis price of kerosene has been cabled a shade lower from New York. Locally, 9¼d delivered remained as the market rate. Although the production of crude kerosene oil, or petroleum, as it is called in America, has decreased very markedly in the United States during the last 12 months or more, in Russia, which is the next most important producer of oil, there has been a steady increase. Prices, however, were forced up in America by the Standard Oil Company, owing partly to the scarcity of crude oil and partly to their taking advantage of the industrial prosperity of the country. The Russians took advantage of this, and a Baku correspondent estimates the increase in the value of Russian exports during 1899 at £2,400,000. In order to reduce what he regards as the exorbitantly high prices of petroleum, the Russian Minister of Finance purposes introducing a new system of leasing the petroleum-producing Crown lands in the Baku district. From 1901, instead of the tax which now has to be paid on every pound of crude naphtha, the Government will take in kind 40 per cent. of the petroleum produced, and sell the oil in competition with the private trade. If this proposal be made law, it may be regarded as the first step towards the nationalisation of the Russian petroleum trade, which has so long been talked of and so often officially denied.

Other oils were unaltered, linseed oil being firm but irregular. Five tons of Champion's white lead moved off at £33 10s in 28's.

The customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £3480. The principal items were:—

Spirits, £1486; wine, £75; ale, porter, and beer, £72; tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £651; tea, £150; sugar and molasses, £21; dried and candied fruits, £114; jams and jellies, £14; harbour and light rates, £25; pilotage, £84; colonial distilled spirits, £27; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £601; excise on beer, £168. Total, £3480.

EXPORT MARKET.

London Tallow Sales.—At Wednesday's auction of Australasian tallow at the Baltic Rooms the offerings were large, and clearances but moderate at an all-round decline in prices. Closing prices are:—Fine mutton 6d lower at 29s 6d, medium ditto 3d lower at 27s 9d; fine beef 3d lower at 28s 3d, medium ditto 3d lower at 27s 3d per cwt. The quantities offered and sold and the prices for medium qualities at late sales were:—

	Offered. Casks.	Sold. Casks.	Med. Mutton. Per cwt.	Med. Beef. Per cwt.
March 7	512	193	28s 6d	28s 6d
March 14	543	64	28s 6d	28s 9d
March 21	1,080	43	28s 6d	28s 0d
April 4	1,625	390	28s 6d	27s 6d
April 11	775	257	28s 0d	27s 6d
April 25	2,000	1,575	28s 6d	27s 6d
May 2	1,525	249	28s 0d	27s 6d
May 9	1,800	550	27s 9d	27s 3d

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour to-day 69 bales of wool came forward, and 64 bales were received by rail yesterday at Newcastle.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, May 10.

AMERICAN VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The American visible supply of wheat and flour east of the Rockies amounts to 67,268,000 bushels, against 45,644,000 bushels at this date last year.

APPLES.

The India's and Salamis's apples arrived in indifferent condition, being overripe and apparently heated. Tasmanians realised 6s to 11s, and Victorians and South Australians 5s to 15s per case. A few good parcels sold at maintained prices. Munro's favourites realised 16s to 18s per case.

GRAPES.

Colonial grapes were also in inferior condition on arrival, and realised 2s to 8s.

PEARS.

The pears ex recent arrivals were bad.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

There was no improvement in the wheat market during to-day, owing to the fact that private advices from London showed values about 6d per quarter easier. Buyers were disposed to lower their limits from 1d to 0½d per bushel. There was only a limited quantity offering, which caused the market to remain steady. No transactions can be reported. Flour is still slow to sell, and quotations are maintained at from £6 5s to £6 10s. Bran and pollard are likewise unaltered; the former is worth 10½d to 11d, the latter 11½d to 1s. Chaff is easier at from £2 10s to £2 12s 6d.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

On the Stock Exchange to-day Metropolitan Board of Works 3½ per cents. sold at £102; Colonial Bank pref., £9 2s 6d; Commercial ordinary, 20s; London pref., £11 19s; National ordinary, 79s, 78s 6d, and pref. £11 14s; Victoria ordinary, 68s; Australian Deposit and Mortgage pref., 33s; Metropolitan Gas, £8 5s; Emu Bay Railway, 7s 6d; Silverton Tram, 94s; Mutual Store, 27s.

About 1500 bags of wheat sold at 2s 9d ex store. Bran sold at 10d and pollard at 11d to 1s. Moderate business was done in malting barley; 3s to 3s 3d for fairly good samples. Good milling Algerian oats sold at 2s 5d; feed, 2s, 2s 4d. Maize was quiet up to 2s 6d. Chaff, 50s to 55s; extra green, 57s 6d. Warrnambool potatoes, 35s to 40s. Onions, 50s to 52s 6d. Business in tea covers 140 packages Ceylon, 52d to 10½d; 110 packages Indian, 6½d to 7½d; 80 half-chests Panyong, 6½d. Five tons of sago sold at £16. 150 bales of cornsacks sold to arrive. Branbags were quiet at 3s 9½d. Moderate business was done in German No. 8 wire. Moderate business was done in kerosene on spot and to arrive.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The steamer Tyrian sailed to-day for Sydney with 1127 packages of biscuits, 100 sacks of barley, 4 cases of confectionery, 21 cases of cheese, 30 packages of canned fruits, 20 cases of oranges, 570 boxes and 1270 packages of dried fruits, 190 sacks and 258 bags of flour, 53 cases of jams and jellies, 9 bales and 1 case of hops, 10 sacks of malt, 10 sacks of oatmeal, 700 bags of oats.

DAIRY NEWS.

CANDELO, Thursday.

The newly-formed Dairy Farmers' Association held a meeting to-day in the School of Arts. Mr. J. T. Collins presided. The rules were read and adopted. The following were elected as committee of management for the year:—Messrs. J. Cochrane, J. J. Smith, W. F. Coman, W. W. Wren, T. Heffernan, J. A. Gordon, J. J. Collins, F. H. Knudson, J. T. Collins, W. J. Collins, H. P. Cothes, G. Porter; Mr. F. H. Knudsen, hon. treasurer; Mr. C. H. Brooks, secretary. The chairman is to be elected at a special meeting to be held on the 17th instant.

MOLONG, Thursday.

The first butter factory erected in a Molong district by a dairying company was officially opened yesterday afternoon by Mr. John Young, of Annandale, Sydney, in the presence of a large gathering of shareholders and others. The factory was put into working order and milk was made into butter. Lunch was served on the ground, and speeches were delivered by Messrs. John Young, J. F. Wyne, the Mayor of Molong (Mr. S. P. Reynolds), Messrs. G. W. Griffith, H. P. Miller, George Packham, Captain Claude Smith, and Mr. J. Seale (manager).

ULMARRA, Thursday.

Returns from Ulmarra factory show that 83,000 gallons of milk were treated, yielding 37,000lb. of butter. The average test was 3·8. Suppliers were paid an average of 3 11-16d for milk. Mr. David Hamilton, of the Byron Bay company, has been appointed buttermaker.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Thursday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

The markets were uniformly quiet in all departments to-day, business for the most part being on a restricted scale. The demand under the hammer was rather slack, despite the lower prices ruling for all forage lines. Maize had a good deal of attention at low rates. Oats were easier owing to the arrival of over 20,000 bags from New Zealand. The inquiry was quiet up to 2s 4½d for choice feed samples. Other grain lines were in poor request at quotations. Bran was plentiful and cheaper owing to the arrival of over 4000 bags from New Zealand. The inquiry was rather slow at 9d. For local makes some holders managed to obtain an extra ½d. Pollard ruled a trifle weaker despite stocks being rather light. The market for potatoes remained dull up to 50s for best Tasmanian Circulars. A line of 990 bags of New Zealand tubers was placed at £2 in store or f.o.b. At the same figure over 600 bags were offered freely in small lines or load lots. Some holders of this class of potatoes were not prepared to do business unless at a considerable advance on the rates quoted above. A good sale was noted for onions up to £3 15s for choice varieties. In dairy produce trade was rather quiet. Owing to scarcity, cheese ruled a trifle dearer.

Grenfell Bank Outrage. A portrait of Mr. Wilkinson, the manager, appears in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

Robert Little and Co.—Hay, Chaff, Produce Auctions, Redfern, daily. Highest prices, immediate returns.—Advt.

Foley Brothers, Limited, Sussex-st.—Creamery Butter; Waratah, Crookwell, Candelo, Central, Kameruka Cheese.—Advt.

ARNOLD'S INK.
Used by N. S. Wales Railway Department.—Advt.

Wholesale quotations were:—

FEED-GRAIN MARKET.

Oats.—Firm. New Zealand best feed quoted at 2s 4d to 2s 4½d, other sorts to 2s 3½d; Tasmanian, 2s 2d to 2s 4d; local, 1s 9d to 1s 11d per bushel.

Maize.—Prime, 2s 7d; other qualities, 2s 6d per bushel.

Peas.—Blue, 3s 3d; grey, scarce, 3s 3d to 3s 6d per bushel.

Barley.—Cape, choice, 2s 4d to 2s 6d; feed, 2s per bushel; English feed, 2s 3d to 2s 6d per bushel.

Chickwheat.—To 2s 3½d; choice full grain, 2s 4d to 2s 5d; New Zealand, to 2s 5d per bushel.

FORAGE MARKET.

Straw.—Local: Bundle, £2 5s to £2 7s 6d; derrick-pressed, £2 to £2 7s 6d. Imported: £2 10s per ton.

Hay.—Local oaten in bundles, prime rack, £3 10s; medium, £3 to £3 5s; inferior sorts, to £2 10s per ton.

Lucerne.—Prime, £3; railway, prime, £3; medium, £2 10s to £2 15s per ton.

Chaff.—Local: Prime, £3 to £3 5s; extra green, to £3 10s; medium, £2 to £2 15s; inferior and dusty, £2 to £2 5s per ton.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran was quoted at 9d to 9½d, and pollard at 9½d to 9¾d per bushel.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian Circulars, £2 5s to £2 10s; New Zealand, prime, £2 per ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Best factory, 10½d; second quality, 8½d to 9d; dairy, 7½d to 8d per lb.

Bacon and hams.—Hand-cured, prime, 6d, second-class, 5½d; flitches, 5d to 5½d; middles, 6½d to 7d; mild cured, 6½d; New Zealand flitches, 5½d to 5½d; Pineapple flitches 5½d, middles 7½d; Bodalla sides, 6½d, flitches 6d and middles 7½d; hams, 9d; local hams choice, cloth, 9d; others, 7½d; Pineapple, 9d; New Zealand, 8½d; English, 9d; small weights, 9½d per lb.

Cheese.—Choice loaf, to 6d; medium 5½d, large medium 5½d, choice 5½ to 6d; New Zealand, medium 5½d to 6d, choice 6½d; Bodalla, 6d per lb.

Eggs.—North, 1s 4d to 1s 5d; South, 1s 5d to 1s 6d; special lots, 1s 7d; new laid suburban eggs, hens 1s 10d, ducks 1s 9d per dozen.

Poultry.—Fowls, to 3s 3d, prime, 3s 9d; prime heavy young roosters, 3s to 3s 6d; English river ducks, 2s to 3s; locally reared, 3s to 3s 6d; Muscovy ducks, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; drakes, choice, 4s to 4s 6d; geese, prime young, 4s to 4s 6d, locally reared 5s 6d to 6s; turkeys, gobblers (old), 8s to 10s, (young) 5s 6d to 6s 6d; hens, 4s to 5s per pair.

WOOD MARKET.

Fair supply. Good demand. Foot-wood, best 12s to 14s; medium, 8s to 10s; rough, 7s to 8s 6d; bakers' split, best 9s to 10s; second quality 7s 3d to 8s; large dry, 9s to 10s 6d; large green, 7s to 8s; billets, good box, 9s to 10s; bundled, good, 10s to 12s; second quality, 8s to 9s.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Lard.—Finely rendered, in bladders, 4d to 4½d; special lots, 5d; bulk, 3d to 3½d per lb.

Onions.—Victorian, choice, £3 10s to £3 15s; New Zealand, £2 15s per ton.

Game.—Auction prices. Hares, 1s to 1s 3d; very choice, 1s 6d per pair; rabbits, 6s to 7s per dozen pairs.

Honey.—Plentiful. Inferior, 1½d to 1¾d, good, 2d to 2½d. Choice, 2½d to 2¾d per lb.

Turnips.—£2 to £2 5s per ton.

REDFERN SALE.

At the Redfern markets this morning a good supply of produce was submitted at auction. The demand for most lines was very slack and prices for all items weaker. Chaff was plentiful and dull of sale at reduced rates. Choice green made 1s 4d to 3s 7d, prime 3s to 3s 3d, medium to 2s 9d per cwt. Inferior lucerne hay realised 2s, and extra-choice green in large bales 3s 2d per cwt. Straw was hard to sell at reduced rates. Derrick bales brought to 2s 5d, and good samples in bundles to 2s 9d per cwt. Turnips found a buyer at 2s per cwt. There was very little inquiry noted for oaten hay, the bulk of the offerings being passed in unsold. Oats were cheaper and in slow request at 1s 6d to 1s 9d for ordinary good samples.

Appended are the proportions of the various descriptions of produce actually submitted at to-day's sale:—Chaff, 38 trucks; lucerne, 2; oaten hay, 5; turnips, 1; and straw, 7.

Among the consignees were:—Messrs. Shephard, Harvey, and Walker, Deal and Perry, J. Bridge, J. W. Gray and Co., Ellis and Co., G. Weis and Matthews, H. M. Suttor and Co., H. Prescott and Co., R. Little and Co., Farmers and Settlers' Association, and Heaton Brothers.

Supplies were disposed of as follows:—

Chaff.—From M'Leod, Ben Lomond, (truck No. 619) 2s 9d; Truelove, Uranquinty, (2298) 2s 9d, (5519) passed; W. Hardman, Uranquinty, (316) passed; A. Brunskill, Wagga, (58-9) 2s 9d; S. J. Keith, Wallendbeen, (10,742) 2s 9d; A. Peterson, Harden, (5497) 3s 4d; J. O'Leary, Millthorpe, (7·79) 3s; J. H. Hotand, (7418) passed; Bonner, Buckham, and Co., Spring Hill, (5509) and (4418) 3s 4d; J. A. M'Kenzie, (9586) 3s 6d; C. Webb, (5701) passed; A. Baxham, (10,599) 3s 3d; Bonnor, Buckham, and Co., Orange, (6441) 3s 3d; Ellis and Co., Wimbledon, (5644) 3s 6d; Mrs. French, Blayney, (8334) 3s 1d and passed; R. Ewin (292) passed, (6290) passed; A. Green, (5515) 3s 4d; A. Campbell, Mary Vale, (1814) 3s 6d; Mulhall, Dubbo, (7027) 3s; J. Bourke, Bewongle, (5641) 2s 6d; W. Maguire, Eagtan, (9769) passed; T. Pratley, Newbridge, (4540) passed; J. Ewin, Lime Siding, (7457) passed; J. H. Gleeson, Millthorpe, (1187) passed; Triggs, Yass, (1033) 2s; J. R. Boxsell, Boree, (9836) 3s 4d, (6044) 3s 4d; T. Bosnard, Yass, (2081) 2s 8d, (74,836) passed; G. Vickers, Kingsvale, (4520) and (9783) 2s 9d; Boxsell, Boree Siding, (9791) 3s 1d, (424) 3s 2d; Mrs. Darley, Cargo-road, (8530) 3s per cwt.; D. Campbell, (973) passed.

Lucerne.—From J. Toomey, Mulgrave, (771) 2s; W. Kelly, Nemingha, (2354) 2s 2d per cwt.

Oats.—From Hickey, Ben Lomond, (2592) passed, potatoes passed; Lynn, Glencoe, (4728) 1s 6d, wheat 2s 5d, rye passed; Kirk, Ben Lomond, (5438) 1s 9d per bushel.

Straw. Bundle: From J. O'Leary, Tarago, (7716) 2s 5d; F. A. Powell, Bungendore, (8628) 2s 2d, and chaff 2s 6d; J. Stevenson, Binalong, (1750) passed; Egan, Garland, (1134) passed. Derrick-pressed: From Middleton, Galong, (2485) 2s 5d, (8828) passed; Trim, Armidale, (5381) passed; J. and R. Pratley, Bathurst, (1536) passed.

Turnips.—From W. Curry, Penrith, (8276) 2s per cwt.

Hay.—From G. Bearcroft, Penrith, (3997) passed; Albury, Camden, (4770) 2s 1d; Quigley, Newbridge, (3320) passed; W. Jones, (5696) passed; J. Rochford, Douglas Park, (2938) passed.

FRUIT MARKETS.

Owing to this being an "off day," business in the fruit trade at the Exhibition Buildings, Prince Alfred Park, this morning was rather dull in all lines. Supplies available were ample for all requirements. The Oonah arrived with fresh supplies of Tasmanian apples and pears, which will be available to-morrow (Friday).

Current quotations were:—

Apples.—Local: Dessert, good 4s 6d to 5s; choice, 6s to 7s; Five Crowns, choice, 9s to 11s per gincase. Tasmanian Sturmers, 4s 6d to 5s; scarlets, choice 6s 6d to 7s 6d, others 5s 6d to 6s; Stone Pippins, 4s to 4s 6d; Alphristones, 3s 6d to 4s 6d; Adam's Pearmains, 4s 6d to 5s, choice, 5s 6d to 6s; Fannies, 6s to 7s 6d; Crow Eggs, 4s to 5s; French Crabs, 4s 6d to 5s 6d; jam lots, 2s to 3s 6d per case.

Bananas.—Queensland, 1s 6d to 2s 6d, choice 3s to 3s 6d per bunch, 6s 6d to 7s 6d per case.

Pines.—8s, choice coloured 9s per case.

Tomatoes.—1s 6d to 2s 6d, choice 3s to 4s per half-case.

Passionfruit.—Choice 7s, others 3s to 6s per half-case.

Lemons.—Rough, 2s to 3s; good, 3s 6d to 4s 6d; choice, coloured, 5s to 6s per gincase; Italian, 9s per case of 150.

Persimmons.—Small to 1s 6d, good 2s 6d to 3s, choice 3s 6d to 4s per half-case.

Quinces.—4s to 5s per gincase.

Pomegranates.—5s to 7s per gincase.

Mandarins.—Main crop, 2s to 5s per half-case; second crop, small, 3s to 6s; good, 8s to 10s; choice, 11s to 13s per gincase; extra choice, 6s to 7s per half-case.

Oranges.—Second crop, local, small, to 5s, good 6s to 7s 6d; prime, 8s to 10s; main crop, 3s to 4s, choice 5s to 6s per gincase.

Pears.—Victorian: Dessert, 9s to 10s; choice, 11s to 12s. Tasmanian: Winter Nelis, 6s to 7s; Winter Cole, choice 6s to 7s, second-class 5s to 5s 6d per case; Gibbing Seedlings, 5s to 7s; Napoleon, 3s to 3s 6d per half-case.

Dates.—1½d to 2½d per lb.

VEGETABLE MARKET.

Good supplies of vegetables were under offer at the Belmore Markets this morning. The inquiry continued fair at the prices quoted. Peas and French beans were cheaper, while cauliflowers ruled a trifle dearer.

Prices were as follows:—Cauliflowers, local 4s to 5s, imported choice 4s, others 2s to 3s 6d; cabbages, inferior 6d, good 1s to 1s 3d, choice 2s dozen; peas, 2s 6d to 4s per bushel; French beans 1s, haricot 6s per bushel; horseradish, 8s to 9s; asparagus, 8s to 9s; beetroot, 2d; all herbs, 8d; plain spinach, 8d, English 1s; eschalots, 10d to 1s; leeks, 1s to 1s 2d; white turnips, 9d to 1s; parsnips, 1s 3d; rhubarb, 1s to 2s; celery, soup 1s, table 2s to 2s 6d; radishes, 4d to 6d; carrots, 8d to 9d; parsley, 1s; lettuce, 6d to 8d; green stuff, 4d; horse carrots, 4d per dozen bunches; chillies, 3s to 4s per bushel; watercress, 1s 6d to 2s per dozen bunches; garlic, 2d to 3d per lb.; tomatoes, local, European 2s per quarter-case; vegetable marrows, 1s 3d to 1s 6d; pumpkins, local, 1s to 3s 6d, extra large 4s to 5s; custard marrows, 1s per dozen; kidney potatoes, 10s per cwt.

FAT STOCK SALES.

HOMEBUSH YARDS.—Thursday.

SHEEP.

About 28,100 sheep and lambs penned at to-day's sales. Prime sheep were well represented, and included some extra-choice lots of both merinos and crossbreds. The lower rates ruling in the London wool market and the rather large number of sheep penned induced buyers to operate cautiously at the opening of the sales, prices showing a decline on all descriptions; but as the sales progressed, and the Sydney Meat Preserving Company, Limited, bought freely, prices advanced to about last Monday's rates, and competition from all sections of the trade became brisk, the firmness of the tone being more especially noticeable on prime lots. Towards the close of the market competition slackened, and values were easier. Quotations: Prime and heavy crossbred wethers, 17s to 18s, extra prime to 21s; good crossbred wethers, 13s 6d to 14s 6d; medium crossbred wethers, 11s to 12s; inferior, 8s 6d to 9s 6d; prime merino wethers, 15s 6d to 16s 6d, extra prime to 20s; good merino wethers, 12s 6d to 13s 6d; medium merino wethers, 10s to 11s; inferior from 8s 6d; prime crossbred ewes, 14s to 15s, extra prime to 17s 9d; good crossbred ewes, 12s to 13s; medium crossbred ewes, 9s 6d to 10s 6d; prime merino ewes, 12s to 13s; good merino ewes, 10s to 11s; medium merino ewes, 8s to 9s; inferior from 7s.

Maiden Brothers.—148 wethers for J. J. Garry at 15s, 20 at 13s 6d; 24 crossbred wethers for F. Hoadley at 17s, 27 crossbred ewes at 15s, 20 at 9s, 16 crossbreds (mixed) at 10s 6d; 15 crossbred wethers for J. H. Gleeson at 16s 6d, 80 at 13s 9d to 13s 10d, 34 at 11s 11d, 2 stags at 11s 11d, 38 at 11s 7d, 10 at 9s 4d; 72 wethers for G. Davis at 13s 1d, 21 at 12s 6d, 7 stags at 12s 6d; 60 wethers for Matthews and Clements at 12s 11d, 38 ewes at 10s 9d, 7 at 9s 11d; 92 wethers for D. Groves at 11s 7d, 13 at 10s, 3 crossbreds at 12s; 45 comeback wethers for F. Meadham at 10s 10d, 50 at 10s 4d; 45 ewes for J. P. J. Begley at 9s 9d, 3 wethers at 9s 9d, 31 at 9s 6d, 5 crossbreds at 13s, 48 ewes for R. L. Webb at 8s 6d.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—670 wethers for Litchfield Brothers at 14s 1d to 14s 5d; 543 wethers for Salting Brothers at 14s 3d to 15s 4d, 9 (stained) at 13s 3d; 22 crossbred wethers for J. Coles at 18s 1d, 178 wethers at 12s 2d; 180 wethers for M'Donald Brothers at 11s 8d; 225 wethers for A. M'Kenzie at 11s 5d, 175 at 9s 1d; 52 crossbreds for D. Leahy at 9s 4d, 32 sheep at 13s 1d, 11 (stained) at 9s 6d; 80 wethers for J. Rankins at 14s 1d; 9 ewes for J. Johnson at 12s; 118 rams for V. J. Dowling at 18s 9d, 48 ewes at 11s 7d; 50 crossbred ewes for H. J. Bell at 17s 5d, 32 at 17s 6d, 8 southdown ewes at 16s 1d; 79 ewes for W. J. Mackay at 11s 6d; 215 ewes for J. F. Keenan at 9s 6d; 18 wethers for Southern agents at 16s 9d, 27 ewes at 11s 1d, 221 crossbred ewes at 13s 5d to 13s 5d, 66 crossbred wethers at 13s 2d, 55 at 11s 4d; 9 crossbred wethers for H. Taylor at 18s 6d, 24 crossbred ewes at 15s 7d, 17 wethers at 16s 7d, 2 pets at 13s, 166 wethers at 10s 9d, 63 at 9s 9d; 100 wethers for W. J. M'Kenzie at 13s 3d; 43 wethers for T. Fitzpatrick at 12s 11d, 16 ewes at 12s 6d; 154 wethers for H. N. Abbott at 10s 2d, 82 ewes at 1s 7d, 82 ewes at 9s 7d; 172 ewes for A. C. Cram at 11s 3d.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—163 wethers for C. Hobson at 17s 8d to 17s 9d, 40 (stained fleeces) at 15s 5d; 13 crossbred wethers for A. O'Mara at 17s, 77 at 14s 11d; 901 wethers for F. H. Osborne at 14s 4d to 14s 6d; 180 wethers for W. F. Buchanan at 14s 6d to 14s 8d; 61 crossbred wethers for A. M'Intosh at 16s 6d, 36 at 14s 1d, 60 wethers at 13s 7d; 1020 wethers for A. A. Company at 14s 9d to 15s; 420 wethers for W. T. Cadell at 14s 10d, 77 at 14s 1d; 2 crossbred ewes for J. W. M'Callum at 18s 3d, 1 wether at 14s, 1 ram at 11s; 4 crossbred wethers for W. C. Gelsby at 16s 10d, 13 at 14s 2d, 15 at 12s 7d; 7 wethers for W. Webb at 14s 5d, 62 crossbred wethers at 13s 10d; 11 crossbred ewes for G. Bassingthwaighte and Sons at 10s 3s, 41 at 12s 1d, 4 wethers at 9s 11d; 678 wethers for Henry Carr at 13s 9d to 14s; 307 wethers for J. Wilkinson at 13s 8d to 13s 1d; 658 wethers for T. Sinclair at 12s 7d; 1 crossbred ewe J. H. Kemp at 13s 6d, 5 crossbred hoggets (woolly) at 12s 9d, 119 crossbred wethers at 12s 3d, 95 crossbred ewes at 11s 1d, 2 rams at 11s; 244 wethers for Northern agents at 12s 10d, 58 at 11s; 101 ewes for James Lee at 12s 9d; 23 stags for A. Strahorn at 12s; 1 crossbred pet ewe for E. Gazzard at 20s, 80 wethers at 13s 4d, 135 at 11s 7d, 8 crossbred wethers at 13s 8d, 38 wethers at 11s 4d; 1 crossbred stag for R. Bryant at 15s 9d, 3 at 13s 11d, 27 crossbred ewes at 16s, 25 ewes at 9s 10d; 43 crossbred ewes for Northern agents at 11s 7d; 123 wethers for J. Newell at 12s 7d to 13s; 16 crossbred wethers for R. L. Gilmour at 11s 8d, 1 crossbred wether (cripple) at 10s 6d; 76 crossbred wethers and ewes for W. O'Neill at 11s 10d, 120 crossbred ewes at 11s 3d to 11s 4d, 47 crossbred ewes at 10s.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—115 wethers for J. A. Wallace at 19s 7d to 20s, 107 crossbred wethers at 21s, 8 at 18s 7d; 125 crossbred wethers for J. Campbell at 14s 8d, 63 at 13s 4d.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—144 wethers for W. Wallace at 13s 9d, 131 at 12s 6d, 1 crossbred wether at 14s; 87 crossbred wethers for Reddan Brothers at 14s 2d, 41 crossbred ewes at 14s, 100 ewes at 13s 6d, 24 crossbred wethers at 12s 10d; 141 wethers for M'Gill and Co. at 12s 9d, 1 crossbred wether at 12s, 146 wethers at 11s 8d; 60 wethers for executors W. F. Whitney at 16s to 16s 1d, 175 at 14s 10d to 14s 11d, 60 at 13s to 13s 2d, 1 at 10s 6d; 142 wethers for W. F. Buchanan at 13s 10d to 14s, 248 at 13s 1d; 78 wethers for J. and A. Stevenson at 13s 8d, 90 at 12s 9d; 25 wethers for Springfield Pastoral Company at 15s 2d, 1s at 15s, 7 crossbred wethers at 12s 3d, 59 at 13s 9d, 98 ewes at 10s 8d; 5 crossbred wethers for Northern agents at 15s, 6 crossbred ewes at 14s 10d, 19 ewes at 10s 5d, 49 crossbred ewes at 11s 7d; 4 crossbred wethers for H. C. Stewart at 12s 9d, 28 crossbred ewes at 12s 7d, 11 ewes at 11s 1d, 2 wethers at 11s 1d; 22 crossbred wethers for E. Locke at 11s 11d, 9 crossbred ewes at 11s 11d, 25 crossbred wethers and ewes at 9s 8d, 16 wethers at 9s 4d, 25 ewes at 8s 4d; 15 wethers for J. S. Gardiner at 10s 10d, 85 at 11s 10d.

H. Chisholm and Co.—160 wethers for Wollogorang Estate at 13s 9d to 13s 10d.

J. C. Young and Co.—180 wethers for Southern agents from 14s 1d to 14s 8d; 699 wethers for H. Fraser from 12s 4d to 13s; 408 wethers for A. B. Triggs from 12s 3d to 13s 4d; 948 ewes for Western agents from 10s 2d to 12s 2d; 6 wethers for W. Nicholl at 1s, 1 crossbred ewe at 9s 2d; 100 wethers for G. Minchin from 9s 7d to 9s 11d.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—2 crossbred wethers for J. N. Batten at 17s 6d, 2 crossbred ewes at 17s 6d, 45 at 14s 4d, 43 crossbred wethers at 13s 6d; 10 wethers for W. T. Cadell at 16s 6d, 310 at 14s 6d to 15s, 155 at 13s to 13s 7d; 2 wethers for H. Haselip at 14s 6d, 2 stags at 12s 7d, 78 wethers at 12s, 5 ewes at 11s 8d; 7 crossbred wethers for R. A. Waugh and Co. at 14s 7d, 9 crossbred ewes at 14s 7d, 49 wethers at 13s 8d, 15 crossbred ewes at 12s 6d, 8 crossbred wethers at 12s 6d, 164 ewes at 10s 10d, 232 at 9s; 88 wethers for C. Bloxsome at 13s 4d, 6 stags at 12s 10d; 12 crossbred wethers for D. Larnach at 13s 4d, 8 crossbred ewes at 12s 4d, 1 crossbred ram at 12s 1d, 20 ewes at 10s 7d, 5 wethers at 10s 7d; 310 wethers for P. Callaghan at 11s 8d, 551 at 11s, 134 at 9s 10d; 181 wethers for R. Caldwell at 11s 4d, 6 at 10s, 9 ewes at 10s.

Wilkinson and Lavender.—180 crossbred wethers for G. and C. Hebden at 16s 5d to 16s 8d, 61 at 14s 9d, 21 ewes at 13s 10d, 1 (injured) at 12s; 164 crossbred wethers for W. A. Lang at 16s 3d, 13 at 14s 6d; 26 crossbred wethers for R. D. Allen at 15s 9d, 87 at 13s 9d, 32 at 12s 6d, 95 ewes at 13s 11d, 375 at 11s 7d, 230 at 11s, 29 at 9s 6d; 177 merino wethers for J. Richmond at 15s 1d to 15s 10d, 20 at 14s 5d, 1 (injured) at 13s 6d; for estate late W. Bowen at 13s 10d to 14s, 101 at 12s 6d; 15 crossbred ewes for J. Noonan at 15s, 12 at 12s 11d, 56 wethers at 13s, 20 at 10s 6d; 204 merino wethers for J. P. Maure at 12s 1d, 186 at 10s 2d to 10s 6d, 9 at 10s 7d; 1 crossbred wether for Western agents at 20s; 8 crossbred ewes for W. Morrison, jun., at 12s, 164 merino ewes at 9s 11d, 1 (woolly) at 10s, 1 stag at 10s.

Weaver and Perry.—75 crossbred wethers for Namoi Pastoral Company at 15s, 78 at 13s 5d, 87 crossbred ewes at 12s 3d, 24 wethers at 12s 5d, 590 ewes at 11s 6d to 11s 8d, 181 ewes at 10s 6d to 10s 8d, 3 ewes (cripples) 9s; 97 wethers for Reynolds and Son, at 14s 8d, 207 at 12s 10d to 13s; 157 crossbred wethers for J. L. Brown at 13s 5d, 50 at 12s 5d, 60 at 11s 4d; 152 wethers for E. H. Sevil at 10s 11d, 50 at 10s 1d; 25 wethers for R. H. Jackson at 12s 7d, 3 crossbred wethers at 12s 7d, 57 wethers at 11s 2d.

LAMBS.

Lambs were in full supply, including a fair proportion of good quality. The number forward inclined to lower values, being a decline of about 6d per head on Monday's rates. Quotations: Prime lambs, 11s 6d to 12s 6d, a few extra prime to 14s 1od; good lambs, 9s to 10s; medium lambs, 7s to 8s.

Maiden Brothers.—80 lambs for Western agents at 12s 9d to 13s, 73 at 11s 8d; 3 lambs for J. W. Hoadley at 12s, 2 hoggets at 12s; 3 lambs for J. J. Garry at 11s 6d, 14 at 11s, 5 at 10s; 34 lambs for T. Gordon at 11s 10d, 29 at 10s 11d; 11 lambs for J. P. J. Begley at 10s 11d, 11 at 10s 10d; 1 hogget for R. L. Webb at 10s 6d, 40 lambs at 10s 2d, 14 at 9s 4d.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—9 lambs for H. J. Bell at 14s 10d; 2 lambs for J. Johnston at 14s 8d; 3 lambs for W. J. Mackay at 12s 6d, 18 at 10s 6d to 11s; 41 lambs for T. Fitzpatrick at 11s 6d to 11s 7d; 12 lambs for H. Macdonald at 12s 6d, 80 at 10s 3d; 4 lambs for D. Leahy at 9s 1d; 94 lambs for Southern agents at 11s 5d, 20 at 10s 9d, 2 hoggets at 10s 10d; 8 lambs for H. N. Abbott at 8s 11d; 25 lambs for A. C. Cram at 8s 4d.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—118 crossbred lambs for G. Bassingthwaighte and Sons at 12s 9d; 81 crossbred lambs for W. Webb at 12s to 12s 1d; 81 crossbred lambs for R. L. Gilmour at 12s to 12s 1d, 106 at 11s 1d, 1 cripple at 7s 3d; 1 crossbred lamb for J. W. M'Callum at 13s 3d, 104 lambs at 11s, 20 at 9s 3d; 53 crossbred lambs for W. C. Gelsby at 11s 6d, 20 at 10s 10d; 98 crossbred lambs for D. and R. W. Marrice at 10s 8d to 10s 10d; 77 crossbred lambs for J. Newell at 15s 4d; 45 crossbred lambs for R. Bryant at 10s 6d to 10s 8d, 2 crossbred lambs for J. H. Kemp at 10s 6d, 70 at 10s 3d, 5 at 7s 1d; 38 crossbred lambs and hoggets for W. O'Neil at 10s 11d; 46 lambs for A. S. Baird at 10s 2d, 26 at 8s 7d; 10 lambs for E. Gazzard at 10s 7d, 29 at 8s 8d; 72 crossbred lambs for Northern agents at 8s 5d; 21 hoggets for A. Strahorn at 7s 4d; 41 crossbred lambs for W. T. Cadell at 7s 4d.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—72 crossbreds for J. Martin at 10s 3d, 18 at 11s 4d, 8 at 8s 10d.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—39 lambs for J. and A. Stevenson at 11s 5d; 1 lamb for Springfield Pastoral Company at 12s; 3 hoggets (double fleece) for Northern agents at 13s 1d, 12 lambs at 11s 6d; 54 lambs for H. C. Stewart at 11s 6d; 7 lambs for E. Locke at 11s 6d.

J. C. Young and Co.—12 lambs for Southern agents at 11s 11d, 3 at 11s 2d, 42 at 10s 7d, 85 from 11s to 11s 5d, 25 at 10s 7d; 43 lambs for W. Nicholl at 11s 9d, 45 from 11s to 11s 2d.

Wilkinson and Lavender.—61 crossbreds for G. and C. Hebden at 11s 7d, 56 at 10s 7d to 11s 2d, 24 at 10s; 99 crossbreds for J. Noonan at 11s 6d to 11s 11d; 17 crossbreds for Western agents at 10s, 26 at 9s 3d; 125 crossbreds for W. Morrison, jun., at 9s 5d, 29 at 9s 6d.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—3 lambs for J. N. Batten at 13s 1d; 20 lambs for H. Haselip at 10s 6d, 6 at 10s; 58 lambs for D. Larnach at 10s 3d, 1 at 9s, 4 (stained) at 8s 9d; 3 lambs for R. A. Waugh and Co. at 10s 1d.

Weaver and Perry.—111 lambs for Namoi Pastoral Company at 7s 7d to 7s 9d, 15 at 8s 1d.

CATTLE.

Upwards of 1276 cattle yarded, principally from the northern districts, with a few lots from the south and west. The yardings comprised a large number of fair to prime cattle, including a large proportion of cows. There was the usual attendance of trade buyers, and several store buyers from the country; also the Sydney Meat-preserving Company, Limited. The market opened to brisk competition, especially for store cattle, prices generally being very firm for prime and weighty bullocks, while medium-weight bullocks and cows were lower. Quotations: Yards of extra prime and weighty bullocks, £9 to £10; yards of prime bullocks, £8 to £8 10s; yards of prime medium-weight bullocks, £6 15s to £7 10s; yards of prime light-weight bullocks, £5 15s to £6 5s; yards of good bullocks, £5 to £5 10s; yards of medium and light bullocks, £4 to £4 10s; yards of prime cows, £5 5s to £6; yards of good cows, £4 5s to £4 15s; yards of medium and light cows and heifers, £2 15s to £3 10s.

Maiden Brothers.—80 bullocks for Northern agents to £5 16s, averaging £4 18s 6d; 10 bullocks for W. Cary to £6, averaging £5 17s 2d, 10 cows and heifers to £4 15s, averaging £4 0s 3d, 3 yealers averaging £1 10s.

Weaver and Perry.—86 cows for A. M. White to £5 15s, averaging £5 1s 10d; 2 bullocks for W. Hedges at £8 11s, 19 steers to £6 5s, averaging £5 8s 1d; 18 cows for W. Lowry at £4; 6 steers for Northern agents to £4 11s, averaging £4 5s 6d, 8 heifers to £3 11s, averaging £3 6s 5d; 10 bulls for J. M'Gowan to £5 7s, averaging £4 13s 7d; 4 steers for J. Wild to £6 3s, averaging £6 0s 3d, 72 cows to £5 5s, averaging £4 15s 3d; 6 cows for W. P. Jaques, to £4 4s, averaging £4 3s 4d, 28 heifers to £3 14s, averaging £3 5s 3d, 33 calves to £2 7s, averaging £2 0s 10d, 1 steer at £2 7s, 1 bull at £2 10s; 15 cows for Southern agents to £4 10s, averaging £4 10s 10d; 1 bull for local owner at £3.

J. C. Young and Co.—19 bullocks for E. C. Richardson to £8 13s, averaging £8 8s; 9 bullocks for R. Tanner to £8 5s, averaging £8; 4 stags for C. Reid at £8 4s, 14 bullocks to £7 10s, averaging £7 1s, 1 stag at £5 11s; 1 bullock for D. Jurd at £9 2s 6d, 10 cows at £4 15s, 1 steer at £4 8s; 21 bullocks for B. Butler to £6 6s, averaging £6 3s, 2 heifers at £3 10s; 30 bullocks and steers for H. Roberts to £6 13s, averaging £5 11s, 4 cows at £4 3s; 8 bullocks and steers for E. Jurd to £5 12s, averaging £5 6s 4d, 1 cow at £6 13s, 3 heifers at £5 4s.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—10 bullocks for F. Carter at £5 19s, 72 cows to £5 11s, averaging £4 10s 5d; 10 bulls for Western agents to £4 10s, averaging £4 2s.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—61 bullocks for W. Carpenter to £9 18s, averaging £9 2s 9d; 50 bullocks for A. A. Co. to £7 10s, averaging £7 8s 5d; 11 bullocks for W. Carpenter to £8 9s, averaging £6 19s; 8 bullocks for H. Dewey to £7 8s, averaging £6 13s 1d, 1 stag at £6, 1 bull at £3 18s; 34 cows for C. T. Stiles to £6, averaging £5 10s 6d; 47 cows for Southern agents to £5 10s, averaging £4 15s 3d, 2 bulls at £3 10s; 33 cows for E. Kenny to £5 5s, averaging £4 10s 9d.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—30 bullocks for the Barrey Downs station to £9, averaging £7 3s 10d; 59 bullocks for Ben Lomond station, to £6 19s, averaging £6 3s 10d; 11 bullocks for Northern agents at £5; 22 cows for Litchfield Brothers to £5 14s, averaging £5 6s 4d; 38 cows for W. Haslingden to £4 18s, averaging £4 10s 1d; 7 cows for Coolamatta Estate at £4 11s, 4 heifers at £2 15s; 1 bullock for P. J. Allen at £6 9s, 4 bulls at £4 1s, 18 cows to £5 13s, averaging £3 19s 8d; 14 steers for F. W. Bakewell to £4 16s, averaging £4 5s 8d.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—30 bullocks for Stewart and Smith to £8 6s, averaging £7 10s 4d; 9 bullocks for D. Mackenzie at £7 8s, 1 (injured) at £6 13s; 32 bullocks for H. A. Smith to £8, averaging £7 4s 4d 12 cows to £7, averaging £5 19s 3d; 8 bullocks for Northern agents to £8 2s, averaging £5 18s 10d.

THE CITY YARDS.

Messrs. William Inglis and Son's report.—Milch cows: A fair supply forward, and taken all round the quality was good, with a few very nice animals. The usual buyers were in attendance, and competition keen throughout, all offered selling at satisfactory prices. Best made from £9 10s to £11; one extra, £15 15s; good, £7 to £8 5s; medium, £5 10s to £6 5s; inferior, £3 10s to £4 10s. We sold 58 at the above quotations; also 62 dry and fat cattle from £1 15s to £5 10s. Calves: We sold 40 per steamer at 24s 6d to 51s; 30 from Mudgee at 14s to 29s 6d; 20 from Windsor at 17s 6d to 45s; 15 from Penrith at 18s to 27s 6d; 25 from South Coast at 17s 6d to 48s; 15 from Liverpool at 15s to 24s 6d; 37 for various owners at 11s 6d to 49s 6d. Pigs: We sold 20 from Campbelltown at 21s to 40s 6d; 25 from Goulburn at 19s to 40s; 25 per steamer at 18s 6d to 33s; 25 from Camden at 14s to 40s 6d; 38 from Picton at 17s 6d to 53s; 25 from St. Marys at 17s 6d to 33s; 36 for suburban owners at 22s to 38s 6d.

Messrs. Ellis and Co. report, at the City Corporation Yards and their Railway Stock Saleyards.—Milch cows, £3 10s to £9 each; fat cows, £3 10s to £5 16s; 16 fat calves for Coen at 18s to 33s; 13 fat calves for Terry at 11s to 46s; 16 fat calves for Ireland at 10s to 24s; 60 fat pigs for O'Reilly at 19s to 32s 6d; 50 fat pigs for Collins at 18s to 44s 6d; 16 fat pigs for Jenkins at 12s 3d to 35s; 20 fat pigs for Mitchell at 18s 6d to 37s 6d; 29 fat pigs for Black at 2s to 39s; 29 store pigs for Donaldson at 8s 9d to 14s 6d each.

Maiden Brothers sold 600 pigs to 60s, and 80 calves to 51s.

HAIR, HORNS, AND BONES.

The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited, John Bridge and Co., Limited, Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, Hill, Clark, and Co., Pastoral Finance Association, Limited, Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited, and A. F. Wyly and Co., report:—

Hair, Horns, and Bones.—At yesterday's sales small supplies were catalogued. The market declined ¼d to ½d per lb. for hair. Hide pieces were firmer, while other lines were unaltered. Quotations:—Horsehair, best tail 20d to 22½d per lb.; short and mixed, 10d to 17½d; mane, 8d to 12d; matted, &c., 2d to 5d. Cowhair, 12d to 14d; washed, 14½d to 14½d; stump, 6d to 8½d. Shankbones, round £7 to £7 7s 6d per ton; flat at £4; mixed, £4 5s to £4 17s 6d; inferior, £3 12s 6d to £3 15s, sheep, £3 10s to £3 12s 6d. Hoofs, mixed £2 to £3 7s 6d; knuckles, £3 10s to £3 12s 6d. Hide pieces, best, £10 10s to £11 10s; inferior, £3 to £7; dehaired, £15 to £24; fleshings, £4 to £5 15s; sinews, £15 to £24 17s 6d. Horns, largest, 60s to 70s per 100; large, 50s to 55s 6d; medium, 35s to 41s; small and medium, 15s to 22s 6d; tips, 6s to 8s; perished from 2s. Beeswax, 12d to 12½d per lb.

MAITLAND FAT STOCK SALES.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

Fat stock sales were held at Campbell's Hill to-day in the presence of a good attendance of buyers. In the cattle section a fairly large supply was forward, consisting principally of prime quality. Competition was brisk, and values in advance of Monday's sale. Best bullocks made £7 10s to £8 10s; odd extra prime, £10 8s; good, £6 5s to £7; light and medium, £4 to £5 15s; cows, best, £5 to £5 10s; good, £4 5s to £4 15s; others, £2 15s to £3 10s. Calves: Light supply penned, principally medium quality. Demand fairly active and values easier. Best vealers made 45s to 55s; good, 27s 6d to 35s; small and medium, 12s 6d to 20s. Sheep: Small supply penned. Competition active throughout, and values firm at an advance of 1s 6d upon Monday's rates. Best crossbred wethers made 16s 3d; good, 14s to 15s; others, 10s 6d to 11s 6d; ewes, best, 13s to 14s; good, 11s 6d to 12s; light and inferior, 8s 6d to 9s 6d; merino wethers, best, 14s to 14s 8d; good, 12s 6d to 13s 6d; others, 8s to 10s 6d; ewes, light and medium, 9s to 10s; lambs, 7s 6d to 8s 6d. Pigs: Large supply forward. Demand fairly active. Values easier for all descriptions. Baconers made 27s 6d to 28s; porkers, 15s to 18s 6d; stores and slips, 8s to 12s; suckers, 2s 6d to 4s 6d.

MAITLAND SALES.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

The weekly sales of butchers' produce were held at Campbell's Hill yesterday. Hides made from 9s 3d to 27s, yearlings 3s 9d to 5s 6d, calfskins 9d to 1s 6d; sheepskins from 3s 3d to 6s 6d, light and inferior 2s to 2s 9d; horsehair, 1s to 1s 6d lb; cow-hair (washed), 11d to 1s 1d; cowtails, 4d to 8d lb.; shanks, 3s to 3s 6d cwt.; bones, £2 5s ton; tallow £19 to £20 ton.

At the Farmers' Union produce sales yesterday millet brooms made 12s to 14s dozen; lucerne seed, 5d lb.; sorghum seed, 2d lb.; potatoes, 4s to 5s cwt.; onions, 3s 6d to 3s 6d cwt.; lucerne hay, 48s to 67s ton; oaten hay, 50s to 60s ton; wheaten hay, 55s to 60s ton.

TAMWORTH SHEEP SALES.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

At the saleyards to-day 20,000 sheep were yarded and offered for sale. They were of excellent quality. 14,000 sold at full market rates. The whole of the local auctioneers were engaged at the sales. There was a large attendance of buyers from surrounding districts.

MUSWELLBROOK HORSE SALE.

608 SOLD FOR £4232.

Mr. Edward Higgens, for Hill, Clark, and Co., reports having sold by auction, on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th instant, 608 horses, represented by all the principal breeders of the district. Buyers were in attendance from all parts, and competition was most animated for suitable shippers, large purchases being made for India and South Africa at highly satisfactory figures. About 200 inferior and old blemished horses, out of condition, were sold at very low rates, otherwise the average would have been considerably higher. Principal sales as follows:—58 for Edward White, Martindale, to £29; 29 for J. B. Bettington, Brindley Park, to £37, one pair black mares making £59; 22 for T. J. Howard, Merriwa, to £21 10s; 15 for A. E. and F. Bowman, Grampian Hills, to £29; 45 for Bakewell Brothers, St. Aubins, to £30; 22 for Mrs. A. Hall, Nandowra, to £22; 27 for A. P. Cooper, Cullianrai, to £15 15s; 21 for M. Campbell, 84. Hatliers, to £15 5s; 16 for R. W. and C. E. White, Harben Vale, to £14 10s; 20 for S. Wiseman, Cliffdale, to £9 10s; 14 for E. Norton, Tiara, to £12; 11 for N. Cox, Kirrabee, to £20; 10 for J. Thompson, Widden, to £18 10s; 12 for W. H. Duckham, Moss Vale, to £11 10s; 22 for A. E. Whitfield, The Grove, to £12 15s; 33 for Barry Station to £17 15s; 28 for W. H. Brayshaw, Nundle, to £13 5s. Balance in small lots at top rates.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

Business in the mining market yesterday was on a quiet and limited scale, the turnover being about equal to that of the preceding day. Hetton shares closed firmer, but the only sale in coal stocks was Wickham and Bullock Island at 12s. In the copper division, Blayney Mining, contributing, realised 9s, and Girilambone 2s 5d to 2s 3d, others being dull. Broken Hill silver ventures were less active and less buoyant, only two lines being dealt in. B.H. Block 14, however, closed with greater firmness. There was moderate business amongst local gold-mining companies, Mount David and Occidental, respectively, closing above Wednesday's figures, while amongst dredging representatives there were higher quotations of Colombo, Little River, Macquarie No. 1, and Shoalhaven River. Glenfine South, of Pitfield, Victoria, sold at £5 5s. No. 2 North Victory, with a sale at 4s 10d, and Papuan, at 1s 6d, represented Queensland. The feature in Western Australian stocks was the heavy fall in Associated Gold Mines. On Wednesday shares closed 87s buyers, 87s 6d sellers, and yesterday the first transaction were recorded at 75s, 74s, then the price rose to 74s 9d, falling back again to 74s, the last exchange being made at 75s 6d, the low rates bringing forward many buyers. The market is awaiting with eagerness the result of the meeting of shareholders in London, which was to be held yesterday, to receive the report of the experts on the property. Amongst other companies that weakened were Boulder Half-mile South, Great Boulder Perseverance, Hannan's Block 45, Lake View South, and Queensland Menzies. On the other hand Brown Hill Central, Great Boulder Proprietary, and Hannan's Oroya were more buoyant.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyer.	Seller.
COAL.		
Hetton	28	—
Stockton	5 6	5 9
Vale of Clwydd	6/	—
Wallsend	25 6	26/
Waratah	5/	10/
Wickham and Bullock Island	11 9	12 3
Ditto, new	5 6	6/
Ditto, preferential, £1 pd.	25/	—
TIN.		
Broadwater Proprietary, con.	6/6	—
Stanthorpe Proprietary, con.	5/	—
COPPER.		
Blayney Mining, con.	8 6	12 6
Chillagoe	—	30/6
Cobar Chesney paid	—	5/
Girilambone	2/	2 4
Great Cobar	72 6	77 6
New Mount Hope	8/	8/
SILVER.		
NEW SOUTH WALES.		
British Broken Hill	22/	23/
Ditto, new	—	22/
Broken Hill Proprietary	46 1½	47/
Block 10	6/14	7 2 6
Block 14	28 9	29/
B. H. Junction	17/	—
Junction Nth.	—	15 9
North Broken	17/	18 6
North Central	9d	11d
B.H. South	40/	—
Ditto, con.	20/	—
Ore Sew, paid	—	1/
Sulphide Corporation	22/9	23 6
GOLD.		
NEW SOUTH WALES.		
Avoca Reefs	1 9	2/
Baker's Creek	—	7 6
Baker's Creek Consols	—	1 3
Falkner	1 4	—
Mt. David, pd.	2 6	3 3
Mt. Drysdale	16 3	17 6
New Prince of Wales, paid	10d	1/1
Occidental	8 6	8 9
Peak Hill, pd.	4 6	5 8
Ditto, con.	3/	5/
Sunlight	2/	—
Woodlark Island	17 6	20
Ditto, con.	15/	17 3
DREDGING AND SLUICING COMPANIES.		
Associated Gold Dredging, con.	3/6	4 6
Araluen Proprietary	21 6	22/6
Araluen Valley Consolidated	17/	18 6
Braidwood Proprietary, paid	—	7/
Clarence River, con.	8 6	—
Colombo	7 7½	—
Ditto, con.	6 6	—
Federal Central, pd.	6 9	7/6
Jerrickmora, pd.	2/	—
Little River Dredging	7/	—
Ditto, con.	5 6	7/
Macquarie No. 1, pd.	10 3	10 9
Macquarie No. 2, paid	—	7/9
Shoalhaven River	7 3	—
Ditto, con.	6 9	7/9
Shoalhaven Terraces, pd.	9/3	10 3
Turon River	30/	32/6
VICTORIA.		
New Birthday	—	7 9
QUEENSLAND.		
Brilliant Extended, pd.	7 2	7/9
M'nt Morgan	5 0/	5 2 6
No. 2 North Oriental and Glanmire	—	4 6
No. 6 North Phoenix	—	1 2
Papuan	1 9	2/
South Great Eastern No. 1	1/7	2 6
Ditto No. 2	60/	—
Victoria G.M. Association	2 6	3/
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.		
Associated	75/	75 9
Boulder Half-mile South	6/10	7 6
Brown Hill Central	2 3	2 9
Chaffer's	—	18
Golden Link	—	52/
Gt. Boulder	30 3	31 3
Ditto Main Reef	32/	—
Gt. Boulder Pers'ver'ce	10 10/	11 2/
Hannan's Block 45	4/	6 9
Hannan's Central Extended	10d	—
Hannan's Oroya	48 6	54/
Hannan's Pride of the Valley, pd.	9d	—
Imperial Boulder	1 9	—
Ivanhoe	12 0/	—
Ivanhoe Junction	—	11/
Kalgoorlie Proprietary	—	1/
Kalgurli North, London register	—	20/
Kalgurli South, London register	5 5/	—
Lake View South	—	16/
Paringa Consolidated	8/	8 6
Queensland Menzies, pd.	3 6	5 6
Queen Margaret Central	—	2 9
Queen Margaret No. 1 South	—	1/

The following sales were reported:—Morning—Copper: Blayney Mining, contributing, 9s; Girilambone, 2s 5d. Silver: North Central, 10d. Gold: Araluen Proprietary, 21s 6d; Braidwood Proprietary, paid up, 6s 6d; Glenfine South, £5 5s; Associated Gold Mines, 75s, 74s; Ivanhoe Gold Corporation, £12 10s. Noon—Coal: Wickham and Bullock Island, 12s. Copper: Girilambone, 2s 3½d. Silver: British Broken, old, 22s 7½d. Gold: Macquarie No. 1, 10s 6d; No. 2 North Victory, 4s 10d; Associated Gold Mines, 74s 9d, 74s 6d, 74s 3d, 74s; Great Boulder Proprietary, 30s 6d, 30s 9d; Great Boulder Perseverance, at one month, £10 18s, £10 18s; Kalgurli South, £5 2s; ditto London register, £5 6s 6d, £5 7s. Afternoon—Gold: Araluen Proprietary, 21s 9d; Mount Drysdale, 16s 3d; Occidental, 8s 9d; Papuan, 1s 6d; Associated Gold Mines, 75s, 75s 6d.

After the last meeting of the Exchange the following sales were reported:—Copper: North Nymagee, 1s. Gold: Shoalhaven Terraces, 9s 6d; North Moonlight, 3s 3d; Associated Gold Mines, 76s, 75s 6d, 75s 3d, 75s 6d.

On Tuesday the directors of the Great Cobar Copper-mining Company, Limited, declared a dividend (the thirty-eighth) of 2s per share, payable on and after the 23rd instant. The transfer-books will be closed from the 16th to the 23rd instant, both dates inclusive.

The legal manager of the Peak Hill Proprietary G.M. Company reported yesterday as follows:—"The smelting furnace continues to run satisfactorily, producing matte worth about £30 per ton; but with a view to obtaining the best possible results, it is intended to improve the quality of the matte by concentration before sending it away, and Mr. Taylor is devoting his attention to this object."

At the Chillagoe Railway and Mines, Limited, on April 26 the copper-bearing garnet rock was making in the No. 2 Griffith, and the faces of drives from the Nerdville and crosscut from the Dorothy were in copper pyrites. Copper pyrites continued to show freely at the bottom of the M'Ilwraith shaft. The Atherton north-east crosscut having reached the hanging-wall will be discontinued, and work commenced in the opposite direction. The eastern crosscut from the Ruddygore tunnel was still in copper pyrites, and that to the west was in high-grade ore. In connection with the railway, progress continued good, and the railhead was at 40 miles on April 25.

Last month the yield of gold from Queensland mines amounted to 74,944oz., being an increase of 2919oz. as compared with the corresponding month of 1899. The calls and dividends for the month were as follows:—Charters Towers: Calls, £4342; dividends, £33,396. Croydon: Calls, £347; dividends, £6670. Gympie: Calls, £8963; dividends, £8940. Ravenswood: Calls, £312. Mount Morgan: Dividends, £29,167.

It is officially stated that the Queensland Mining, Prospecting, and Investment Company has been informed by telegram by an influential firm in Adelaide that they have been appointed agents for the Anglo-Continental Gold Syndicate, of London, for the purpose of resuming negotiations for the purchase of the company's properties.

On the 5th instant the mine manager of the Mount Garnet and Chillagoe Exploration Company, N.L., North Queensland, reported as follows:—"Cardwell No. 5 winze sunk to 36ft., grade of ore improving."

FISH RIVER GOLD DREDGING.

In another column will be found the prospectus of the Fish River Gold Dredging Company, which is being formed to work, by dredging, areas comprising 2¼ miles in length of the bed of the Fish River, and about three or four chains wide, some 15 miles from Bathurst. The company also has authority to enter, under the provisions of the Mining on Private Property Act, on certain flats adjoining the river containing about ninety acres, with the right or option of purchase of certain other flats adjoining the river, comprising upwards of 100 acres. The prospectus sets forth that some two years ago a party of miners placed a steam pump on this property and was able from a small quantity of wash to take out £1200 worth of gold, but the water prevented them from bottoming, and the venture was abandoned. The property is peculiarly adapted for bucket-dredging, as it consists of blue gravel wash from 8ft. to 15ft. deep on a decomposed granite bottom, and there are no big boulders or snags to interfere with the working of the dredge. The ground has been thoroughly prospected, and Mr. H. Downie, a New Zealand dredging expert, declares it to be very rich in deposits of alluvial wash, and that with proper management the dredge should prove a highly payable concern. The Sydney brokers are Messrs. J. B. North and Son, of Pitt-street.

MOUNT LYELL SMELTING RETURNS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Mount Lyell Mining and Railway, Limited, smelting return from April 5 to the 2nd instant inclusive was as follows:—Total quantity of 20,787 tons of ore treated, the average assay value of ore before treatment being—Copper, 2·63 per cent.; silver, 1·94oz.; gold, ·084oz. per ton. In addition to the above, there were treated during the above period 5520 tons of purchased ore. The converters produced during the same period 777 tons of blister copper, containing—Copper, 768 tons; silver, 49,390oz.; gold, 1797oz. The decreased quantity treated was owing to a combination of ordinary furnace stoppages.

The smelting return from March 6 to April 4 inclusive was as follows:—Total quantity of ore treated, 22,791 tons; average assay value of the ore before treatment was—Copper, 2·76 per cent.; silver, 2·00oz. per ton; gold, ·063oz. per ton. In addition to the above there have been treated during above period 3434 tons of purchased ore. The converters have produced during the same period 857 tons of blister copper, containing—Copper, 847 tons; silver, 58,864oz.; gold, 2186oz.

ALBURY, Thursday.

The following gold yields are reported for Eskdale and Mitta Mitta at the Mount Elmo battery:—H. Shea, 30 tons of stone for 31oz.; Kohne and party, 46 tons for 80oz.; Bennett and party, 36 tons for 67oz. At the Premier battery Sewell Bros. treated 26 tons' for 94oz. At Swan's battery T. Swan crushed 33 tons for 136oz.

BALLARAT, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Central Plateau, 1s 7d; Dalzell Buchanan, 1s 4d; Glenfine Estate, 7s; Glenfine South, £5 7s, £5 10s; Glenfine Extended, 7s; Great Glenfine, paid up, 2s 3d; Hepburn Estate, 2s 6d, 2s 5d; Kangaroo, 4s 3d, 4s 6d, 4s 4½d; Last Chance United, 7s 3d; Long Thought Of, 2s; Moonlight, 1s 10d, 2s 1d; Moonlight North, 2s 8d, 2s 7d, 3s, 2s 11d, 3s 6d, 3s 5d; Queen of the Plains, 1s 8d, 1s 7d; Sons of Freedom, 9s 7d; ditto South, 1s 7d, 1s 8d; South Pitfield Consols, 2s 11d.

BENDIGO, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Byron Reef, 4s, 4s 3½d, 3s 11½d; Central Coolamon, 1s 11d, 1s 3d, 1s 2½d; Ellenborough, 4s 3d (25); Festiman's Proprietary, 6s, 6s 10½d; Garden Gully United, 40s 6d; Greaves, 9d; Great Columbian, 1s 11½d, 1s 11d; Hustlers' Reef No. 1, 7s 4½d (50), 7s 6d; North Johnson's, on terms, 6s; North Argus, 3s 10d; North Prince of Wales and Bonshaw, 4½d; North Lady Brassey, 5s 6d; Railway Prince of Wales, 1s 5d, 1s 2d, 1s 3d; South German Extended No. 1, 10d, 10½d; Spring Gully Freehold, 2s 5d; Waswo, 11½d.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—No. 1 South Gympie Gold Mines, 5s 9d; Smithfield and Phoenix Golden Pile, forward delivery, 10s 9d.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Brilliant Extended, paid, 7s 3d; Marshall's Queen, contributing, 2s 2d; New Queen, 5s 2½d, 5s 2d; Papuan, Brilliant, and Victoria, 2s 2d, 1s 8½d, 1s 9½d.

The following crushing has been reported:—Brilliant Block, 151 tons of stone for 51oz. gold.

GYMPIE, Thursday.

Mr. Thomas Smith reports the following crushing:—No. 2 North Victory: 63 tons of quartz yielded 77oz. smelted gold.

No. 1 South Great Eastern has cut from 4in. to 6in. of quartz at the 730ft. level east of the shaft, showing colours of gold.

Sales:—No. 1 South Great Eastern, 2s 9d, 3s; No. 3 South Great Eastern, 1s 7d; Oriental Extended, contributing, 1s 0½d.

Quotations:—Columbia Consolidated, contributing, seller 4s 3d, buyer 3s 6d; No. 1 South Gympie Gold Mines, buyer 6s, seller 5s 10d; Golden Pile, seller 7s 2d, buyer 6s 6d; No. 3 North Phoenix, seller 5s, buyer 4s 6d; No. 5 North Phoenix, seller 3s 9d, buyer 3s; North Smithfield, seller 7s 3d, buyer 6s 9d.

HILLGROVE, Thursday.

Baker's Creek G. M. Company has cleaned up from 351 tons of quartz for a yield of 506oz. 4dwt. smelted gold. This return includes the scaling of the plates.

HOBART, Thursday.

To-day's exchange quotations were:—Broken Hill Proprietary, buyer 45s; B.H. Block 10, buyer £6 14s; Colebrook, buyer 2s, seller 3s; Hercules, buyer 12s, seller 14s; Mount Black, buyer 1s 4d, seller 1s 9d; Mount Lyell, buyer £9, seller £9 6s; Mount Lyell Reserve, buyer 1s 6d, seller 2s 1d; Central Lyell, buyer 6d; Lyell Tharsis, buyer 19s 6d, seller 20s 9d; Royal Tharsis, buyer 2s 6d, seller 3s; North Mount Lyell, buyer 70s; Great Lyell South, seller 2s 1d; Mount Bischoff, buyer £47, seller £49 10s.

MORUYA, Thursday.

Mr. Chapple, manager of the Bimbimbie Mines, has arrived in town by escort with the proceeds of the first cleaning up from the newly-erected cyanide plant on the mine. The result is reported to be very satisfactory. At present upwards of 50 hands are employed at the mine. Mooney and Axam have 10 men at work on their Sandy Creek mine getting stone for another crushing.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales and quotations were:—B.H. Proprietary, 46s 3d, buyer 46s, seller 46s 6d; B.H. Block 14, 29s 3d, buyer 28s 9d, seller 29s 3d; British Broken, 22s 3d, buyer 22s 3d, seller 22s 9d; ditto, new, 20s 9d, buyer 20s 3d, seller 20s 9d; B.H. Block 10, seller £6 17s; B.H. Junction, seller 16s 3d; Junction North, 15s 6d, 15s, buyer 15s, seller 15s 3d; B.H. South, paid, 41s, buyer 41s; North Broken, 18s 3d, buyer 18s, seller 18s 6d; Baker's Creek, seller 8s 9d; Associated Gold Mines, £3 15s, £3 18s, £3 14s, £3 17s, £3 16s; ditto, Northern Blocks, 40s 6d, 40s 3d, 43s 6d, buyer 43s 4½d, seller 43s 9d; Bailey's United, 7s 9d, 7s 10d, buyer 7s 11d, seller 8s; Hannan's Block 45, buyer 5s 4d, seller 5s 6d; Boulder Central, paid, 3s, seller 3s; Boulder Consols No. 1, 1s 6d, buyer 1s 5d, seller 1s 8d; Boulder Half-mile South, 7s 3d, 7s 7d, buyer 7s 7d, seller 7s 8d; Brookman's Boulder, buyer 13s 9d; Boulder North Extended, 2s 2d, 2s 3d, buyer 2s 1d, seller 2s 2d; Brown Hill Junction, 2s 5d, 2s 4d, buyer 2s 5d; Brown Hill Central, buyer 2s 3d, seller 2s 5d; Central and West Boulder, buyer 25s; Croesus Proprietary, buyer 1s 6d, seller 1s 10d; Chaffer's, seller 18s; Golden Zone, 2s 3d, 2s, buyer 2s, seller 2s 2d; Great Boulder, 30s 6d, 31s 3d, buyer 31s, seller 31s 6d; Great Boulder Main Reef, 32s 3d, 32s 6d, buyer 32s 9d, seller 33s; Great Boulder No. 1, 10s 6d, seller 10s 6d; Great Boulder Perseverance, £10 18s, £10 19s 6d, buyer £10 19s 6d, seller £11 1s; Hainault, 28s 9d, 29s 3d, buyer 29s 3d, seller 29s 6d; Hannan's Oroya, 49s 6d, 49s, seller 49s; Imperial Boulder, 2s 1d, 2s 4d, buyer 2s 3d, seller 2s 5d; Ivanhoe Gold Corporation, £12 18s; Ivanhoe Junction, buyer 9s 5d, seller 9s 6d; Kalgoorlie Bank of England, 9s, buyer 9s, seller 10s; Kalgoorlie Mint and Iron King, seller 9s; Kalgurli Gold Mines, £6 9s, buyer £6 9s; Lady Mary, 4s 10½d, buyer 4s 9d, seller 5s; Lake View Consols, £11 5s, £11; Lake View Extended, seller 5s; Lake View South, 14s 3d, seller 15s; North Kalgurli, seller 20s 6d; Premier, 29s 9d, 29s 6d, buyer 29s 6d, seller 29s 9d; Princess Royal, paid, 31s, 30s, seller 30s 3d; ditto, contributing, 30s, 30s 3d, 30s 1½d, seller 30s 4½d; Queen Margaret, 12s 6d, 12s 9d, buyer 12s 6d, seller 13s; Queen Margaret Central, 2s 4d, 2s 3d, buyer 2s 2d, seller 2s 4d; South Kalgurli, £5 5s, £5 5s 6d, £5 7s, buyer £5 6s 9d, seller £5 7s; Sulphide Corporation, 22s 10½d, 23s, buyer 22s 10½d, seller 23s 1½d; White Feather Main Reef, seller 22s 6d; Chillagoe Railway and Mines, 30s 3d, 29s 6d, buyer 29s 3d, seller 29s 9d; Blayney Mining, buyer 5s 9d; Lorna Doone, 5s 9d, 6s, seller 6s 3d.

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The following dividends have been declared, and are payable on the dates specified:—

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Victoria United, Ballarat, May 14, 6d.
Hannan's Brown Hill, Kalgoorlie, May 15, 7s 6d.
Glenfine Estate, May 15, 6d.
Madame Berry West, Kingston, May 21, 1s.
Brilliant and St. George United, C.T., May 22, 1s.
B.H. Proprietary Block 10 Company, May 23 (dividend 3s, bonus 1s 6d), 4s 6d.
Great Cobar Copper Co., May 23, 2s.
Lyell Tharsis, Tasmania, May 28, 1s.
Occidental G. M. Company, Cobar, May 29, 3d.
Ivanhoe Gold Corporation, Kalgoorlie, May 30, 5s.

YIELDS.

GOLD.

Brilliant Block, C.T., 151 tons, 51oz.
Baker's Creek G. M. Company, Hillgrove, 351 tons, 506oz. 4dwt.
Bennett and party, Albury district, 36 tons, 67oz.
Golden Horseshoe, Kalgoorlie (April), 8011oz.
Kohne and party, Albury district, 46 tons, 80oz.
Little Marvel mine, Buckley, 124½ tons, 146oz.
Mount Lyell M. and R., Tasmania, 1797oz.
No. 2 North Victory, Gympie, 63 tons, 78oz.
Shea's mine, Albury district, 30 tons, 31oz.
Sewell Brothers, Albury district, 26 tons, 94oz.
Swan's mine, Albury district, 33 tons, 136oz.

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Mount Lyell M. and R., Tasmania, 768 tons.

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THE Friends of Mr. and Mrs. FRANK JONES are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his BROTHER, John James; to move from his father's residence, 196 Evans-street, Rozelle, at 1 o'clock, TO-DAY, Friday, for Rookwood Cemetery.

CUMMINS.—The Friends of Mr. WM. CUMMINS are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved WIFE, Mary; to move from his residence, Isabella-street, Parramatta North, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, to Roman Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood. HERBERT WILKINSON, Undertaker and Embalmer, Parramatta.

JONES.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN JONES are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SON, John James, which will move from their residence, No. 106 Evans-street, Balmain, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for the Necropolis. WOOD and COMPANY, Tel., 726, &c. Undertakers and Embalmers, Sydney, Balmain, Petersham, North Sydney, &c.

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FLEMING.—The Friends of Mr. CHARLES J. FLEMING are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE; to move from her residence, No. 58 Glebe-road, Glebe, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. GEORGE SHYING, Undertaker, 176 George-street West.

WALSH.—The Friends of the deceased Mrs. MARY ANN WALSH are respectfully invited to attend her Funeral; to leave her late residence, 22 Raglan-street, Alexandria, at 2 p.m., THIS DAY, for Waverley Cemetery. COFFILL and COMPANY, Central Office, 812 George-street. Tel., 424, &c.

WALSH.—The Friends of Mr. EDWARD WALSH are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly loved MOTHER, Mary Ann Walsh; to leave her late residence, 22 Raglan-street, Alexandria, at 2 p.m., THIS DAY, for Waverley Cemetery. COFFILL and COMPANY, Main Depot, Harris-street. Tel., 1160, &c.

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WALSH.—The Friends of Mrs. E. HANLEY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Mary Ann Walsh; to leave her late residence, 22 Raglan-street, Alexandria, at 2 p.m., THIS DAY, Friday, for Waverley Cemetery. COFFILL and COMPANY, Sydney, Pyrmont, Balmain, &c.

THE Friends of Mrs. ELIZABETH LODER are invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved HUSBAND, James; to move from 493 Crown-street, S. H., THIS FRIDAY, at 2.15 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. WILLIAM J. DIXON and CO., 120 Oxford-street, near Palmer-street, and 183 George-street W. Tel., 588.

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		£1,711 1 3	

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		183 12 5	
		£1,894 13 8	

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	£447 12 9		
Plant	8 12 0		
		£456 4 9	

LOT 2.

Book Debts		108 15 7
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